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Loans to jobless for furniture may replace grants

Rent support cut proposed by Treasury

By David Hencke,
Social Services Correspondent

A disagreement has broken out between Treasury and the Department of Health and Social Security over proposals to make Britain's three million unemployed pay part of their rents, mortgages and rates out of their weekly unemployment and supplementary benefits.

Confidential proposals by the Treasury say that 20 per cent — equivalent to between £4 and £10 a week — of all rents and rate bills should be met by claimants out of their unemployment and supplementary benefits. At present, unemployed people have all their housing bills met by housing benefit.

It is also being suggested that loans rather than benefits should be given to the unemployed and single parents to buy beds, cookers, and other essential furniture.

The proposals are understood to be unacceptable in their present form to Mr Norman Fowler, Social Services Secretary. He is expected to contest them when the Cabinet discusses his reforms of the welfare state tomorrow.

There is also objections from Mr Andrew Rowe, chairman of the Housing Benefit review set up by Mr Fowler, as they conflict with the final housing benefit reform.

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Details of the proposals, contained in a discussion paper, have been obtained by Mr Gordon Brown, Labour MP for Dunfermline East. They show that there are four alternative proposals put forward with tenants paying 5, 10, 15 or 20 per cent of their rent and rates. The Treasury is understood to favour 20 per cent, while the Department of Health favours 5 per cent.

The principle behind the idea is that all tenants and home-owners, even when they are out of work, should pay some small contribution. This proposal is also supported by groups like the Institute of Directors.

The same principle is also being applied in putting forward loans, instead of benefits such as single payments for furniture. This proposal would be linked with the Government's plan to abolish single payments and additional allowances for people on supplementary benefit and would mean people paying back the loan through a small direct debit from the their weekly benefit over months or years.

Mr Brown yesterday described the proposals as completely offensive. He said: "The Government is now fully committed to creating a two-tier society with the poor, even when they are on the dole, having to contribute towards their rent and rates and going into debt to buy essential furniture.

"These proposals would create further serious homelessness as people will be evicted because they cannot meet their rent contribution."

He has tabled a series of questions asking for figures from Mr Fowler on the numbers claiming housing benefit and receiving single payments for furniture.

About £4 billion is spent a year on housing benefits. The Government is considering halving these payments to those above the breadline. The Treasury proposals are additional to these plans.

ONE COMES FOURTH: Princess Anne (above), centre of a group of fellow flat race jockeys, pictured before the running of yesterday's Farrier Invitation Stakes in aid of the charity Riding for the Disabled over the 1¼-mile Epsom Derby course. The princess—third from the left below—finished fourth on the 11-1 chance Against the Grain. The trainer, David Nicholson, said she had followed her instructions "to the letter" and the princess said that Against the Grain was "a real gentleman" who looked after her very well. Elain Mellor, wife of trainer Stan, rode the winner, No-U-Turn—to become the first woman to win a race at Epsom. Pictures by Kenneth Saunders

Gorbachev says 'hypocritical' US to blame for Geneva deadlock

From Martin Walker
in Moscow and
Hella Pick in London

The Soviet leader, Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, wrote off the first round of the Geneva disarmament talks as a failure yesterday in the course of his toughest ever speech on international relations.

The Soviet leader accused the US of hypocrisy at Geneva, of trying to dominate the world by military means, and of seeking to impoverish it for the benefit of the dollar.

In Geneva, where the talks adjourned yesterday with a bilateral commitment to resume on May 30, the chief US negotiator, Mr Max Kampelman, acknowledged that the negotiations had been "difficult."

The US Administration is convinced that Mr Gorbachev is deliberately trying to exploit differences within Nato about space weapons, which are also the main cause of the apparent deadlock in Geneva. Refusing to dramatise the situation, Mr Kampelman insisted that the "first round has served a useful purpose in helping to bring about increased understanding of one another's positions."

But Mr Gorbachev said: "The completion of the first stage of the Geneva talks already gives reasons to say that Washington does not seek agreement with the USSR. This is clear, if only from Washington's general refusal to discuss the prevention of the arms race in space simultaneously with nuclear arms limitation and reduction. It thus violates the accord reached in January on the inter-connection of the three subjects.

"This is to be explained by the fact that certain circles in the US still want to attain the dominant position in the world, especially militarily", he said.

While stressing that he would not like to see a complete breakdown at Geneva, he went on: "It is impossible to reconcile an arms race with disarmament talks — unless one indulges in hypocrisy."

Mr Gorbachev condemned Washington's rejections of Soviet gestures. "Everything is being done to avoid taking positive steps in response — we cannot but find surprising the haste with which the Reagan Administration responds with its standard and customary 'no' to our proposals.

"Let it be absolutely clear that international relations can only be normalised if imperialism abandons its attempts to settle militarily the historical dispute between the two social systems", he said.

Addressing a plenum of the Central Committee, Mr Gorbachev broadened his attack upon US policy in classic Marxist terms. "The US, concentrating in its hands the growing mass of financial and material resources of other countries, is putting them, directly or indirectly, at the service of its giant military programmes," he said.

"The economic expansion of the US is being broadened and stepped up. Manipulations of interest rates, the predatory role of trans-national corporations, political restrictions on trade, all kinds of boycotts and sanctions disorganise the world economy. The exploitation of the developing world is being intensified — and imperialism has stepped up its subversion. Imperialism is trying to take social revenge across a broad front," he said.

Mr Gorbachev's statement reinforced indications, apparent almost from the outset of the Geneva talks in March,

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TWO Central Committee allies of Mr Gorbachev have been promoted to full membership of the Politburo without serving the usual probationary period. Mr Nikolai Ryzhkov and Mr Yegor Lieachev are joined by the KGB chief Mr Viktor Chebrikov, also promoted yesterday.
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48 die in riots

DEATH toll in the caste riots in Ahmedabad rose to at least 48 after a further night's violence. Page 9.

Rixon out

THE AUSTRALIAN wicket-keeper Steve Rixon yesterday withdrew from the forthcoming tour of England, preferring to play in South Africa. Page 25. Cricket special, page 27.

IRA split

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Striking support

LABOUR councillors yesterday supported a strike by schoolchildren against alleged threats to "conscript" young people into the Youth Training Scheme. Page 2.

"They did offer me something with this all-party pressure group—but I wanted a real job."

Defence danger

NATO's supreme commander believes that there is a danger of President Reagan's Strategic Defence Initiative diverting funds from immediate defence needs. Page 2.

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WE apologise to readers in several areas who may not have received a copy of the paper yesterday. Composing room delays in London meant a late start to priting and thus some shortages.

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Kinnock faces pit snub

By Peter Hetherington
Northern Labour Correspondent

Mr Neil Kinnock faced further pithead criticism of his stand during the coal strike yesterday when miners' delegates in Durham refused to offer him a customary automatic invitation to speak at their annual gala.

Instead, they will ask the county's 11,500 pitmen to decide whether the Labour leader should attend the event—the country's oldest and largest miners' gala—in ballots at Durham's 12 lodges over the next few weeks.

Feelings against the Labour leadership are running so high among some activists that one colliery lodge—Murton—proposed that Mr Kinnock be banned from the gala for life.

That move was dropped at yesterday's meeting, and Durham miners will be asked to consider another resolution from the Herrington lodge, near Sunderland. It states: "Mr Kinnock must not be invited to the 1985 gala because of his unacceptable attitude. . . during the miners' strike."

The county's leadership is to make an undisclosed recommendation accompanying the resolution.

A decision to snub Mr Kinnock would break a 102-year tradition at the gala.

The attitude of some NUM activists in Durham has already been criticised by the Durham City Labour Party. Its secretary, Mr John Ward, said last night that he was disappointed by yesterday's decision, but relieved that the move from the Murton lodge had been dropped.

"All the miners I have spoken to say they want nothing to do with this. The fact that they should even consider this motion was perhaps regarded as a snub by some, considering the help we had given the miners during the dispute."

Left jostles Owen towards victory in 3-party efforts

By Ian Aitken
and Alan Travis

Dr David Owen, the Social Democratic Party leader, yesterday won a significant advance towards political recognition of a three-party system at Westminster after a bizarre demonstration by leftwing Labour MPs against his attempt to open a debate on trade union democracy.

This was the outcome of some 45 minutes of uproar in the Commons as the MPs sought to prevent him from opening one of the first debates allocated to the SDP/Liberal Alliance under a new dispensation about the share-out of parliamentary time between the Opposition parties.

The uproar led to a 15-minute suspension of the Commons after leftwing backbenchers had blatantly sought to prevent Dr Owen from securing his seat on a bench usually occupied by the SDP.

Some Labour frontbenchers — albeit junior ones — then attempted physically to prevent Dr Owen reaching the Opposition despatch box, the traditional preserve of ministers and official Opposition spokesmen, to deliver his speech.

The confrontation was resolved last night after talks between the Alliance, the Government and the Labour front benchers.

It now seems certain that a Commons Select Committee on Procedure will examine the entire question of the status of third parties in the Commons —including even the entitlement of people like Dr Owen to speak from the despatch box.

The Labour blockade of the SDP bench below the gangway led to nearly 10 attempts by Dr Owen to speak from the despatch box. He was jostled and elbowed by Labour MPs before the sitting was suspended by the deputy Speaker for a cooling off period. Eventually, he spoke from his own seat — by then cleared by the Labour group — and moved the Alliance motion on trade union ballots.

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The blockade began when 10 MPs, all members of the Campaign group, took over the bench before a division on a 10-minute rule bill. During the division, in which MPs had to go to vote, a further half-dozen Labour MPs enabled a shift system to be operated so that the SDP bench was occupied throughout the vote. Dr Owen and Mr Ian Wrigglesworth, the SDP economics spokesman, looked on in disgust.

When the business resumed after the vote there was a series of points of order during which Mr Dennis Skinner, the Labour MP for Bolsover, claimed that seats could only be reserved if MPs attended prayers before the business began and asked that Dr Owen should sit on the Conservative benches, given his views on trade unions and ballots.

Sir Kenneth Lewis, a Conservative backbencher, suggested he take a seat in the members' gallery above a Commons clock.

Mr Harold Walker, the deputy Speaker, was caught by Commons procedure under which he could not intervene to direct people about where to sit in the chamber.

Dr Owen moved from the Opposition gangway to the Opposition front bench, and as he tried to begin his speech from the despatch box he was elbowed away by Mr John Prescott, the shadow employment spokesman.

The SDP leader made a further attempt to address the Commons from the despatch box but was prevented by Mr Kevin McNamara's legs, which were stretched out with his feet on a table.

Amusement began to give way to despair when Mr Brian Sedgemore, the Labour MP for Hackney South, said he was insane because he obviously believed that he was the leader of the Opposition.

MPs continually asked the deputy speaker for a ruling on whether Dr Owen could speak from the despatch box. He said

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Baron 'a nominal Nazi'

by Anne McHardy

PRINCESS Michael of Kent's father, Baron Gunther von Reibnitz, was described by the Upper Bavaria appeal tribunal in May of 1948, as a "nominal" member of the Nazi party, who had leant it only "insignificant" support.

The tribunal, presided over by Dr Alfred Lochner, said—in a document made public yesterday by Princess Michael through her press secretary, Colonel Michael Farmer—that it could not judge that the baron had actively resisted the Nazi regime. But it reversed an early finding by the Koosburg labour and detention camp that the baron belonged in the third of the five categories of Nazis, and found he belonged only in the fourth category.

The tribunal finding, sent to the Princess by relatives in Germany after last week's Daily Mirror disclosures of her father's Nazi and SS connections, put Baron von Reibnitz in "the lowest grade possible without actually taking up arms against Hitler," Colonel Farmer said yesterday.

Princess Micheal and the royal family hope that publication of the finding and related documents will end the controversy over her father's background.

Princess Michael said in a TV-am interview last Wednesday that she felt deep shame at her father's involvement with the Nazis but that the documents would exonerate him. She said she had not known of his membership of the SS until the Daily Mirror revealed it. Her mother, who separated from her father when she was a toddler, had thought it better not to tell her.

She had "been brought up to believe that the SS meant one thing basically—concentration camps for Jews and so on." Her father, however, had been only an honorary member although he had the right to wear the uniform.

The tribunal found that he was a member of the Nazi party from 1931 to 1945 and of the Cavalry-SS from 1934 to 1944 and that he was promoted within the SS but his rank gave him "merely the right to wear the uniform." He had no authority to give orders of any kind. "It was a matter of pure honorary rank."

He joined the Nazis believing that they would bring economic recovery but was politically inactive and held no party office. In 1934 as an active hunter, he became regional chief ranger in his native area.

However, even in this capacity he came into conflict with the Nazi authorities and

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No secrets trial sequel

CAROLE ROBSON (left), one of the three British diplomats expelled by the Soviet Union in retaliation for Britain's action against five Soviet officials in London, was a scientific attache at the Moscow embassy with a particular interest in Soviet computer developments.

Expulsion of the Soviet diplomats — under the standard euphemism for spying — will not be followed by actions in the courts against British citizens involved in the Russians' activities.
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British cities vie for 1992 Olympics

By John Rodda

Three English cities want to stage the Olympic Games of 1992 and are prepared to compete against six foreign contenders.

Sir Alan Traill, the Lord Mayor of London, confirmed esterday that the City of London had told the British Olympic Association that it would make a bid. He expects to call a meeting next week of people who could be expected to work out ways of funding the exercise.

Birmingham also announced its bid yesterday and said that it was spending £110,000 on a feasibility study, with plans to mbrace Nottingham and leicester. Manchester has been orking for three months on its presentation.

The cities will make their applications to the association and the association's selection will go forward to the International Olympic Committee with Government support required under the Charter of the IOC.

The IOC will make its decision in October, 1986. The other six candidates are: Barcelona, Amsterdam/Rotterdam, Paris, Belgrade, New Delhi and Brisbane.

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Legal life case costs BBC £1m

By Aileen Ballantyne

The BBC yesterday agreed to pay record costs and damages estimated at over £1 million over Esther Rantzen's "That's Life" programme.

In a court case which has rivalled even the BBC's Bleak House serial for its length, complexity and profitability to the legal profession, the corporation has agreed to pay £75,000 in damages to Dr Sidney Gee, a Harley Street slimming expert, and court costs estimated at more than £1 million.

While BBC 2 was running its own serialised version of the longest running legal case in English fiction and the tribulations of Dickens's heroine, Esther, the case against the BBC's own Esther Rantzen was winning its place in the annals of bureaucracy.

Ms Esther Rantzen and Dr Sidney Gee

The jury had to be dismissed because the case became too difficult for them to understand. It took up 87 days of court sittings—only 14 days short of the record which is held by the Moonies' unsuccessful libel case against the Daily Mail in 1981.

Its leading characters found themselves plagued with ill health. The Queen's Counsel for the BBC, Mr Andrew Rankin, began the case in a wheelchair because of a leg condition; then the BBC's solicitor appeared in court on crutches after a leg operation; the judge, Lord Justice Croom-Johnson, got influenza; a juror was taken ill; and a court usher collapsed in court, halting that day's session.

The case ended yesterday was brought against the BBC, Ms Rantzen and two members of the "That's Life" team.

The BBC eventually realised that, like Dickens's case of Jarndyce and Jarndyce dragging its "dreary length before the court," going on would be "perennially hopeless."

Mr Rankin said that all the parties were happy that a settlement had been reached. If the case had gone on, he said, it would have lasted until the end of 1985, "thereby adding to costs which have already reached enormous and burdensome proportions."

Short of the happy occurrence of "spontaneous combustion" of the great mounds of accumulated legal documents — Dickens's solution in Bleak House — there was little the BBC, or even the "That's Life" team could do, except pull out with a graceful apology — and hand over damages and what are estimated as the highest costs in English legal history.

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NUT attacked for forcing through rejection decision

Teacher unions split over snub to summit talks

Nikki Harrison: 'amazed and disappointed'

Fred Smithies: 'brutal show of power'

By Andrew Moncur, Education Staff

The employers' offer of top-level talks to seek peace in the teachers' pay dispute was rejected yesterday at an angry meeting which split the unions and jeopardised hopes of a new round of negotiations.

The meeting ended with the National Union of Teachers in isolation and under bitter attack from other union leaders enagered by the NUT's use of its majority voting power to *force through* the decision, in defiance of their arguments.

The strongest criticism came from the second largest teacher union, and the only other association taking selective strike action in schools. Mr Fred Smithies, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, accused the NUT of "a brutal show of power politics"

The rebuff to the employers' initiative came at a meeting of the teachers' panel of the Burnham pay negotiating committees, called to discuss the latest move by the management to break the pay deadlock.

The employers conceded last Friday that the dispute could be resolved only in the Burnham committee, and proposed a full meeting in the near future. But first they wanted an urgent meeting with teachers' leaders, under an independent chairman, to discuss terms.

It was that proposal which the NUT, outvoting five other teacher associations, rejected at yesterday's meeting. The decision clearly stunned key members of the Labour-dominated metropolitan authorities who had been behind the scheme, and who had signals from the unions that it would be accepted. They regarded the preliminary talks as central to the peace plan.

Mrs Nikki Harrison, who chairs the education committee of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, said last night: "My reaction is one of bewilderment and enormous disappointment."

Mr Philip Merridale, leader of the employers' side in Burnham, said that it would be an extraordinary sequence of events if the employers, having set out their terms for a properly prepared meeting, now abandoned that position and reconvened the Burnham committee to renew negotiations.

"If there was to be a Burnham meeting I would presume it would have to arise on a requisition of the teachers," he said.

At the teachers' panel meeting, where the NUT has 16 votes to the 15 shared by the five other associations, a resolution was passed which urged the management to reconvene Burnham without delay so that negotiations on an improved offer could take place. It was passed by 16 votes to 10, with the Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association abstaining.

Mr Fred Jarvis, general secretary of the NUT, answering criticism of the union's rejection of talks about talks, said: "The others have clearly elevated that preliminary meeting as though it is an end in itself. In my view the mechanics of Burnham are not so complicated that you need a meeting of that kind to arrange an agenda to get on with talks.

He will today ask the management side for a full meeting of Burnham within the next few days. "If they are sensible they will see it is in everyone's interests to get around the table in the forum which they recognise as the only forum available."

While the NUT was taking a hard line in its Burnham panel meeting the Education Secretary, Sir Keith Joseph, was taking an even tougher one in the Commons.

The Government, he said, would make no more money available to meet any improvement the local authorities might make on the existing 4 per cent offer to the teachers. If the local authorities offered more on the 1985 settlement they would have to find the extra themselves.

He was equally unyielding on arbitration. If the 1985 dispute went to arbitration and the arbitrators recommended more than 4 per cent the local authorities would again have to find the extra.

A Department of Education spokesman insisted last night that Sir Keith had make it clear that when he spoke of a bargain he was speaking in the context of negotiations involving the restructuring of teachers' salaries, and not of this year's straight pay claim in Burnham.

Spending targets and penalties 'unfair'

By John Carvel, Local Government Correspondent

The Government is more to blame for rate increases than local authorities, according to a report to Parliament published yesterday by Sir Gordon Downey, the Comptroller and Auditor-General.

His conclusion is likely to raise the political temperature of the rates issue on the run-up to the county council elections in England and Wales on May 2. The report is to be examined by the Commons' public accounts committee, which will quiz the Department of the Environment's permanent secretary on its finding on May 8.

Sir Gordon points out that rate support grant has been cut from 61 per cent of council spending in 1980/1 to just over 48 per cent in 1984/5. This caused the proportion of *spending to be financed from* rates to increase by almost a third, equivalent to £3 billion in cash terms in the last financial year, he says.

Over the four-year period domestic rates increased by 60 per cent and non-domestic rates by 52 per cent. "These increases can therefore be attributed more to the reduction in the proportion of Government grant than to increases in local authority spending," Sir Gordon says.

Sir Gordon's report is deliberately more restrained than the study of the council grant system published last year by the Audit Commission, the Government-appointed local authority finance watchdog. He does not support the commission's finding that the rate support grant system has been responsible for causing waste and adding £1.2 billion to the rates over the last few years.

The burden of his argument is, however, that the regime of spending targets and grant penalties is unfair, hard to understand and ineffective in its primary purpose of cutting council expenditure.

For this reason, the report found welcome on almost all sides. Mr Patrick Jenkin, the Environment Secretary, said: "In my view this is a much *more balanced and positive* contribution to the debate about local government finance than the Audit Commission's report."

Mr John Banham, the Audit Commission's controller, also welcomed the report. He said it confirmed the facts of the commission's study and recognised the serious problems which had to be tackled.

Labour's environment spokesman, Mr Jack Straw, said Sir Gordon's findings supported the Opposition's contention that the Government is to blame for rate increases.

The Labour-controlled Association of Metropolitan Authorities said the report was a further indictment of government performance on this issue which would allow the Public Accounts Committee to expose the whole system of rate-capping, targets and penalties.

Sir Gordon is careful to avoid conclusions which could be interpreted as overt criticism of Government policy. He points out that the aim of the grant system is to enable authorities providing similar standards of service to finance them by levying similar rate poundages. A series of ad hoc decisions had distorted this objective.

Alan Dunn adds: Liverpool city council's Labour leader said yesterday that if Mr Jenkin did not agree to talks about increasing Government grant aid, the city's budget crisis could drag on into June.

Mr John Hamilton was responding to a prediction by the Environment Secretary that the city could face a rate rise of between 60 and 100 per cent if Labour continues on its present course. In that case *the city would be rate-capped* next year, he said.

Mr Hamilton said that the way the grant formula was cast was unfavourable to the *likes of Liverpool*. "This could make rate rises unacceptably high which is why we say we will not levy at that level," he said.

Liverpool is one of eight remaining rebel Labour councils due to meet again tomorrow to coordinate action, *aware that district auditors are* ready to take action which could lea dto the surcharging and bankruptcy of councillors.

Supplanting of old guard stalwart fans flames of dissent within IRA

From Paul Johnson in Belfast

A row which has been simmering inside the IRA for several years has suddenly become public after the removal of an important Republican from his position on the outlawed organisation's army council.

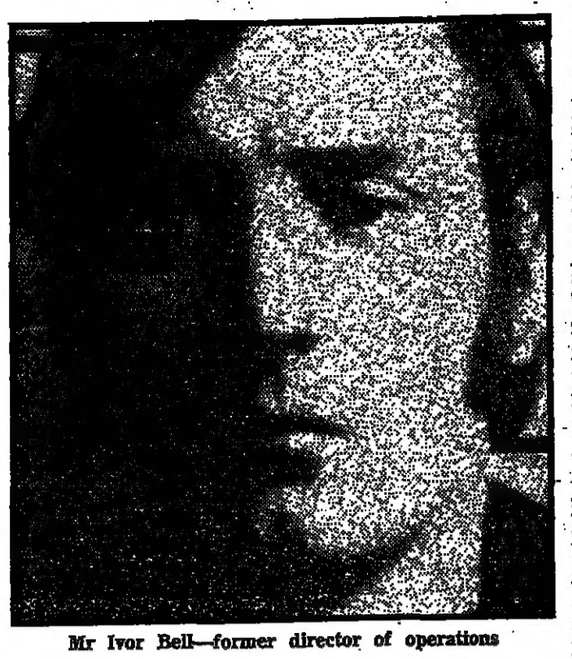
The man, Mr Ivor Bell, a 47-year-old former mechanic, who at one time was director of *IRA operations in Belfast, has* now been supported by several members of what has become known as the movement's old guard, who are based in Dublin and in their early sixties.

The dispute, which has not yet developed into a split but could be serious unless it is sorted out quickly, is over the style and direction of leadership. Republican strategy has been based for several years on the philosophy of the "Armalite and the ballot box" — keeping up the military struggle while developing Sinn Fein as a legitimate political party which contests elections.

Mr Bell and his backers have long expressed reservations about this approach and the way it has been presented in public. Many of their supporters, who are rank and file IRA members, are not interested in constitutional politics, or are fundamentally conservative.

Those who are apolitical take the view that the hunger strikers, including Bobby Sands and the other IRA men and women who have died since 1969, did not give their lives so that Sinn Fein could take up council seats throughout the province.

Those who are conservative in their views are worried that *Sinn Fein, political wing of* the IRA, may be edging the movement in the direction taken in the 1970s by the Official IRA, *later to become the* Workers' Party — pursuing socialist and non-violent policies.



Mr Ivor Bell—former director of operations

They are also critical of the way that Sinn Fein, with its electoral campaigns and permanent advice centres, is a drain on the finances and resources of the movement.

It is believed that there has also been some discontent among younger elements of *the IRA in Belfast, who object* to the military campaign being tailored to suit political need. In particular, there are fac*tions in favour of bombs being* placed in the city centre to combat the Government's claim that life in the province is becoming more normal.

The row is not simply a matter of hawks and doves. The current IRA leadership has killed 19 people in Northern Ireland this year — 15 of them members of the security forces — and last October attempted to kill Mrs Thatcher *and members of the Cabinet*.

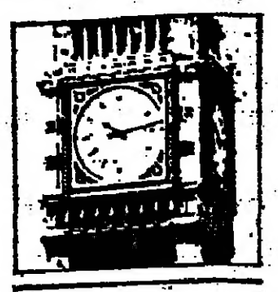
What is damaging and surprising to Sinn Fein and the IRA is that this debate, which has been going on since *1977*, should result in the ostracism of a long-standing and important IRA man and become public only four weeks before the province's local government elections.

Those opposed to the present leadership, made up of a group of northerners in their mid-thirties would need to secure a session of the General Army Convention, the organisation's supreme authority. The convention, made up of local commanders, is supposed to meet every two years unless military reasons dictate otherwise, but is not thought to have met for four or five years. The convention elects a 12-person executive, which in turn appoints a seven-person Army Council.

It is not clear yet whether the dissidents are organising to force a convention, which would then become the focal point for the discontent said to be felt by some rank and file IRA members. Even if a convention were held, upheaval in the leadership would not necessarily ensue because many local commanders — particularly in country areas, where paramilitary activity continues on a higher level than in Belfast — are thought to be reasonably satisfied.

● The Social Democratic and Labour Party of Northern Ireland yesterday opened its campaign in the province's local government elections with the assertion that it had nothing to fear from Sinn Fein. Speaking in Belfast, the party leader, Mr John Hume, said that the emphasis would be on unemployment and the need for political stability.

The SDLP is fielding a record number of candidates.



David McKie

Not quite what the doctor ordered

IT'S not often that the Liberal-SDP Alliance get a chance to stage a Commons debate. They had one last November on overseas aid, but that sank almost without trace.

Yesterday they were better prepared. They had chosen an issue—trade union democracy—with a far better chance of catching the headlines. And they had lined up their most heavyweight speaker, David Owen, to open the debate.

They must have suspected that events were colluding against them when the morning papers splashed the story of further Soviet expulsions—a story bound to give fresh allure to yesterday's rival debate in the Lords, where Lord Home of the Hirsel, still holder of the all-time expulsion record with 105, was opening a debate on Soviet subversion.

And then, lopping a good half-hour off their meagre allocation of time, they had to sit through a 10-minute rule bill debate on local government in Lancashire, spun out with an opposing speech and a division.

But what happened thereafter owed nothing at all to luck. When Dr Owen, fresh from handing out prizes at the Savoy, arrived at the Commons he found the front bench below the gangway, his usual perch, packed to bursting with grinning Labour MPs.

A milder man might have settled for another location — next to David Steel, perhaps, on the bench behind. Certainly the Deputy Speaker, Harold Walker, who presided over the subsequent shenanigans, seemed to think so.

But Dr Owen is too proud a man to make do with second best. He settled on

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the gangway steps as Conservative and Labour backbenchers launched into a long and tedious procession of bogus points of order.

Neil Kinnock wasn't there. Nor was Roy Hattersley. Nor, till late in the proceedings, was the shadow leader, Peter Shore. The Labour chief whip, Michael Cocks, perched for a while among the occupying forces but any advice he might have given to the left was likely to be counter-productive.

At first, given a touch of charity, you could have called the blockade good-humoured. It was when Dr Owen tried to wade through and commandeer the Labour despatch box that the giggles and guffaws gave way to something nastier.

The Deputy Speaker thrashed about for precedents. David Steel said there were several: he had spoken from their despatch box himself a few years ago.

Three times Dr Owen tried to push past the Labour front bench and begin his speech. On the third, he had to contend with a thicket of legs on the table, blocking his path.

The Tories watched all this with a mixture of contempt and disdain. Many of them got this sort of thing out of their systems at boarding school.

Finally Mr Walker sent everyone off for 10 minutes to cool down. It was after five when Dr Owen, against a barrage of Labour heckling, began.

Still, the Alliance had consolations. The *afternoon's* event seemed likely to give them back the headline which Lord Home would otherwise have stolen from them. While David Steel, who was complaining only last week of the "sillincss" of the Commons and the rise of its Yobbish Tendency, had been able to see that analysis made flesh.

Lord Home, by the way, says we *shouldn't get too* worried about the expulsion of the Soviet diplomats. It shouldn't harm the chances of any developing relations with Mr Gorbachev. The Russians were realists. They had fully understood when he had sacked his 105. Why, one of those spies had subsequently gone on to be thrown out by President Tito.

The Russians' ideology, he explained, permitted them to subvert the society and institutions of non-Communist countries even while they were actively seeking their friendship. He was sure this was true, he confided, because he had got it direct from no less an authority than Mr Chou En Lai.

French lorry drivers block the ferry terminal at Poole in Dorset yesterday in protest at delays caused by the Customs officers' work-to-rule

Civil Service unions reject 'final' pay offer and ask for arbitration

By John Ardill, Labour Correspondent

Two leading Civil Service unions have rejected the Government's "final" 4.9 per cent pay offer. They have also asked for arbitration, despite the Treasury's warning that it will not agree to this.

The move by the Civil and Public Service Association and the Inland Revenue Staff Association seems designed more to win publicity than to achieve a better settlement.

A third union, the Institution of Professional Civil Servants, will decide on May 2 whether to seek arbitration. It may not opt for arbitration on the main claim, but on an outstanding one on behalf of 35,000 specialist engineers who comprise over half its membership in direct Government service.

The Society of Civil and Public Servants, whose executive meets tomorrow, seems unlikely to go for arbitration. The Civil Service Union, meanwhile, decided yesterday to accept the offer, which includes a particularly good deal for many of its 3,500 members employed as office cleaners. Those with more than five years' service will get a 12 per cent increase worth an extra £8.50 a week for full-timers and 12p an hour for part-timers.

The CPSA and IRSF yesterday sent their arbitration terms of reference to the Employment Secretary, Mr Tom King, who has to decide whether to recommend reference to the arbitration panel.

A work-to-rule by Customs and Excise officers in the SCPS, whose members balloted in favour of industrial action over their pay claim, is causing fresh problems at Poole in Doset, where French lorry drivers yesterday blocked the ferry terminal in protest at delays.

The work-to-rule was also causing a backlog at the Post Office's overseas mail centre at the Mount Pleasant sorting office in London, the union said.

Action planned by postal engineers in Gloucester today has led to the cancellation of a visit to the city's sorting office by the Duke of Gloucester.

Nato urged not to divert arms cash to Star Wars

By David Fairhall, Defence Correspondent

Nato's supreme commander in Europe, US General Bernard Rogers, has warned against allowing President Reagan's Star Wars Strategic Defence Initiative to divert funds from the more immediate requirements of European defence. In particular he is concerned that the European members of the Alliance, who have been invited to join the SDI research programme, may be tempted to spend money they cannot afford.

"If money is devoted by West European nations to SDI under current conditions of economic budgetary restraints, it has to come from some place, and that place is our conventional forces," he said this week in an interview with Jane's Defence Weekly.

General Rogers has publicly supported Star Wars as a research programme, leaving open the question of whether it will eventually produce an efficient and cost-effective defence against enemy nuclear missiles. But he is known to feel some resentment that he and other members of the Nato military establishment were not consulted before the President launched his expensive initiative.

General Rogers: 'They can't afford it'

"Those of us in Western Europe want not only to be alive but we also want to be free by the time we might be able to enjoy the fruit of this kind of research," he said in the interview.

The SDI should be supported through the research phase, the supreme commander said, because in the end it might provide another defence option for the US and Western Europe. Whether it should then be deployed would depend on its impact on stability and arms control. Meanwhile, it might channel funds away from nuclear and conventional military programmes on both sides of the Atlantic, and this would cause concern to the Alliance.

● An American nuclear cruise missile convoy emerged from its base at Greenham Common, Berkshire, yesterday on another dispersal training exercise, starting at 3 a.m. The convoy, containing three missile launch vehicles, was tracked to Salisbury Plain by Cruisewatch, the anti-nuclear organisation which seeks to oppose the presence of US Air Force missile crews in this country by subjecting their secret training activities to embarassing publicity. By last night the convoy was on military land in the Westdown Plantation, near Tilshead.

OBITUARY

Welsh teacher

SIR THOMAS PARRY, who has died at his home in Bangor, North Wales, aged 80, was a former national librarian of Wales and later principal of the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth.

Sir Thomas, who edited the Oxford Book of Welsh Verse, was a leading authority on Welsh literature and language and was chairman of the panel responsible for the new edition of the Welsh Bible, due to be published in 1988.

Lake decision deferred

By Michael Morris

South Lakeland district council last night decided to engage in more public consultation before making a final decision on an Arab consortium's proposal for a £20 million leisure complex at Bowness-on-Windermere. This followed a move at the 3½-hour meeting in Kendal to reject the proposals on the grounds that development on such a sensitive site would be alien to the purposes of the national park.

The project, rising to 80ft would include a conference building, 264 apartments, parking for over 1,200 cars, ice rink, swimming pool, indoor bowling, squash courts, and a restaurant.

If the council agrees to the development the consortium will have to submit a planning application

The district council's leisure and tourism committee and public works committee have approved the development in principle.

Infectious mice stolen

By Penny Chorlton

MORE THAN 150 mice infected with a glandular fever-type germ were stolen from a hospital laboratory yesterday by animal rights protesters. Experts said that anyone bitten by the animals should *see* a doctor and contact the laboratory to obtain antibodies.

The mice were removed from the pubic health laboratory of St George's Hospital, Tooting, London, yesterday morning.

The Animal Liberation Front later claimed responsibility for the raid and said the animals were in safe *homes. They complained* about the conditions under which the animals were kept and said the raid was the start of a major campaign against St George's, to highlight conditions under which dogs, cats, monkeys, rabbits and mice were kept for experiment.

Dr Douglas Fleck said there was no major public *health risk but it was possi*ble for humans to be infected by the mice carrying the toxtplasmosis germ.

The hospital's authorities said that it was ironic that they were on the verge of being able to replace the number of animals used with tissue culture methods.

Discrimination costs group £250

By a Correspondent

A women's group which specialises in sexual problems *was ordered to pay £250 com*pensation for racial discrimination yesterday.

The Women's Reproduction Information Centre had advertised a job but had only seriously considered black women for the post, an industrial tribunal at Chelsea, London, was told.

The case against the centre, which has been funded by the Greater London Council's women's committee since it was set up in 1983, was brought by American-born Ms Lorrien Finley, aged 37, who answered an advertisement in May in City Limits magazine for a part-time advice worker.

Lorrien Finley: not short-listed

She was not short-listed or interviewed for the poast, which went to a black woman. A letter rejecting her application said that it had been decided "to short-list women of ethnic origin only."

Miss Ros Alexander, for the centre, told the hearing: "The women's reproductive rights admit they breached the Race Relations Act, and would ask the tribunal for an assessment as to damages to be awarded.

Ms Margaret Berer, an information officer and book-keeper at the centre in Featherstone Street, Islington, Clerkenwell, told the hearing that she met Ms Finely a month before she applied for the job. When Ms *Finley's application arrived she* told her colleagues that she did not think the woman was suitable.

The tribunal chairman, Mr David Sevene, said that Ms Finley was "clearly discriminated against, contrary to the Race Relations Act."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Shipyard workers get 4.5pc

BRITAIN'S 40,000 shipyard workers yesterday settled for an average 4.5 per cent pay rise. Two weeks ago the unions rejected 3.2 per cent, but in seven hours of talks in London yesterday British Shipbuilders improved its offer of £6.25 a week on basic rates for skilled workers, £5 for unskilled, and with proportional rises for semi-skilled, from April 1.

In addition, bonus schemes offering higher earnings for improved performance, will be discussed at local level. A management spokesman said it would increase the pay bill by 4.7 per cent.

Celtic manager admits assault

THE Celtic football club manager, David Hay, was admonished at Paisley sheriff court yesterday for assaulting a 13-year-old newspaper delivery boy.

Mr John Baird, defending, said that Hay had been subject to a "persistent campaign of abuse, stretching over three months, at the hands principally of the 13-year-old boy." He had not meant to injure the boy, but the boy had fallen on stones when he tried to catch hold of him to remonstrate with him.

Striking print workers sacked

MORE than 140 striking print workers at the Kent Messenger group were sacked yesterday after they had refused to work with new computerised equipment. The workers, members of the National Graphical Association, went on strike last Wednesday after management attempted to introduce electronic typesetting equipment into the group's Chatham print works.

Members of the National Union of Journalists crossed the picket line, but were in a mandatory meeting for most of the day.

Police charged with conspiracy

TWO Metropolitan Police detectives charged with conspiracy to commit robbery were remanded for eight weeks at Bow Street magistrates' court yesterday.

Detective Sergeant Kenneth Day aged 29, attached to the central robbery squad, and Detective Constable Richard John Chapman, also 29, attached to the regional crime squad, were suspended on September 20 after an investigation by ITV's World in Action programme.

DPP to study Jaguar report

JAGUAR Cars of Coventry and the police confirmed yesterday that a report was being prepared for the Director of Public Prosecutions about alleged corrupt dealings between Jaguar workers and employees of component suppliers.

Pit deputies back

PIT deputies who staged a walk-out at Monktonhall colliery, near Edinburgh, on Friday because of a dispute over weekend shift arrangements returned to work yesterday. Local officials of Nacods, the deputies' union, and the pit management are to have talks today.

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Young Socialists rally under fire from Tories and Liberals

Liverpool's Labour leaders support schoolchildren's action on jobs

By Alan Dunn

A strike by Liverpool schoolchildren tomorrow has been given the full backing of Labour council's education committee. Mr Dominic Brady, the chairman, said that there would be no victimisation of children taking part in a demonstration and rally.

Opposition councillors condemned the rally, which is against government "conscription" into Youth Training Schemes, organised by the Young Socialists to recruit and politicise young people. The march to the pier head will be led by Mr Terry Fields, the Labour MP for Broad Green, who supports the Militant Tendency. It is organised by the Youth Trade Union Rights campaign.

Dominic Brady—regrets disruption

Mr Brady told the committee that he regretted any disruption of education, particularly at a difficult examination period, whether by teachers or children. But there was a feeling of despair and hopelessness among children who saw their fathers and mothers out of work and their own futures blighted. Reaction against those who created that atmosphere of unemployment was to be expected.

"We say that we believe in and fully support the campaign by the youth trades union movement, but at the same time regret the disruption by the action and any action by teachers or others that interrupt children's education."

A Labour resolution deplored Government plans to "conscript" youngsters into the Youth Training Scheme and to remove unemployment benefit for school-leavers. It said that the frustration of young people arose from the policies of the Government, which was urged to make resources available to provide real jobs.

A Liberal spokesman, Mr Michael Story, said that in his area of Knowsley, only 4 per cent of 4,000 16-year-olds who left school last year had a permanent job. In some areas of the city youth unemployment was as high as 9 per cent.

"To sit back and do nothing would be totally wrong, but I object to a trade union campaign by a collection of young socialists, run by Militant, who are not really concerned about unemployment but are seizing the chance to make rich pickings among young and fertile minds." Labour's assurance of no victimisation was almost a charter for the children to take action.

Another Liberal councillor, Mr Neville Chinn, said that children had been approached at school by Young Socialists and told: "If you don't come on the rally we will sort you lot out." He had reported the matter to the police.

Pasta joke: Spitting Image caricatures of Prince Charles feeding uncooked spaghetti to Prince Harry. The puppets were helping to raise money for the Puppet Centre's new home at Covent Garden. Picture by Frank Martin

Pendulum deals 'not British way'

By John Ardill, Labour Correspondent

The "winner takes all" system of pendulum arbitration adopted by Nissan and the engineering union AUEW in their agreement, announced on Monday, comes in for strong criticism in the annual report of the Central Arbitration Committee.

The committee, which provides the manpower for most industrial relations arbitration hearings, suggests that the pendulum system of choosing absolutely between the employers' or union's final position does not cater sufficiently for the complexities of industrial disputes.

The pendulum system is relatively new to this country, having been pioneered in the "*strike-free*" *agreements* reached mainly between the electricians' union EETPU and Japanese electronics firms. It does not permit arbitrators to split the difference between the employer's offer and the union's claim, said to be the British tradition.

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Significantly, the AUEW-Nissan agreement provides for a conciliation procedure and allows either party to refuse pendulum arbitration.

In its annual report, published yesterday, the CAC, chaired by Sir John Wood, the Edward Bramley Professor of Law at Sheffield University, rebuts the argument for the pendulum system which claims that traditional arbitrators tend to split the difference between the sides. Careful examination of cases shows that they do not in fact crudely split the difference, the report says.

"Where awards do fall between the offer and claim, this is likely to be the result of an evaluation of a complex of different arguments: ability to pay, cash limits, labour market factors on the one hand, versus comparability, cost of living, going rate arguments on the other.

"In dealing with a complex multi-element claim and offer, with each side offering convincing arguments in some areas, the right answer may be to award differentially i.e. for the employer on some aspects and the union on others. Simple pendulum arbitration would appear to rule this out."

The report goes on to suggest that pendulum arbitration is part of a procedural change aimed at encouraging both sides to settle differences in *negotiation*. The aim of enhancing negotiation was entirely laudable and in keeping with the British tradition that the parties should settle their disputes.

"But what if this basic premise is not met and the arbitrators are presented with the difficult task on which the parties remain far apart and which can only be sold by a choice between two extremes? This would be unacceptable — a professional arbitrator needs the opportunity of avoiding the dilemma in which neither of the proferred solutions is without serious flaw."

The report goes on to argue that the CAC should have a role if compulsory binding arbitration is introduced for essential services — a case being pressed on the Government by the Institute of Directors. The CAC could offer a breadth of experience which would enable it to deal with a *wide variety of issues* that might come up for determination.

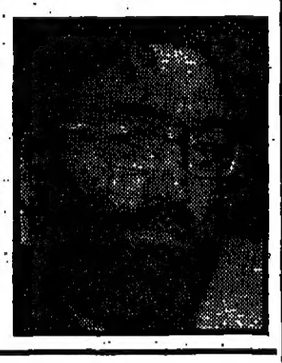
'Many complaints' at race row head's suspension

By John Fairhall, Education Editor

The education minister, Mr Bob Dunn, told the Commons yesterday that the Department of Education had received several complaints that Bradford council acted unreasonably in suspending a head teacher, Mr Ray Honeyford, for allegedly racialist criticism of teaching methods. The department was now asking the local authority for comments on the complaints.

The complaints have been made under section 68 of the Education Act, if the Education Secretary, Sir Keith Joseph, concludes that Bradford council has "acted unreasonably," he has power to direct the council. At this stage, however, when Mr Honeyford is only suspended on full pay, there is no question of intervention.

Mr Honeyford was suspended from his post at Drummond middle school after writing an article in the Salisbury Review claiming that education of white children was being impaired in predominantly black schools. The school governors will meet tomorrow to consider a vote of no confidence in Mr Honeyford.



Mr Ray Honeyford—magazine article

£1m diet inquiry

By Rosemary Collins, Agriculture Correspondent

THE GREATER London Council has provided £1 million to set up a food commission to investigate and improve Londoners' diets.

It estimates that 75 per cent of people living in the capital suffer from some form of dietary-related disease during their lives. The London Food Commission's newly-appointed director, Dr Tim Lang, yesterday defined such diseases as "anything from constipation and diabetes to dental caries."

The £1 million has been vested in a charitable trust and is intended to sustain the organisation—with a staff of nine—for five years. It will publicise healthier eating.

Mr Michael Ward, the chairman of the GLC industry and employment committee, said that the cost of treating coronary heart disease in London was £10 million to £30 million a year. "We cannot leave the task of health education to the food companies who spend £313 million a year advertising their products," he said.

Open verdict on hanged GCHQ man

By a Correspondent

An open verdict was recorded yesterday on a worker at a Government Communications Headquarters outstation who was found hanged at his home earlier this month.

Stephen Oake, aged 35, of Bude, worked for 11 years as a traffic handler at the composite signals organisation station at Morwenstow, Cornwall, an outpost of the GCHQ at Cheltenham.

The North and East Cornwall coroner, Mr George Northe, said that Mr Oake had been found with his hands tied together in front of him, but he could have done this himself. "It could have been an *accident but there is insufficient* evidence for me to be certain."

Mr Oake's body had been found on April 8 by his brother-in-law, hanging from a hatch leading to the attic. Medical evidence showed that death was due to strangulation.

It was said that Mr Oake had no financial problems and seemed happy with his marriage and two children. His widow, Helen, said that her husband had *left* no note.

Mr George Roberts, officer in charge at Morgenstow, told the coroner that there were no security-related aspects to Mr Oake's death.

Dispute holds up code for suspects

By Malcolm Dean

The publication of a code of practice which will set down the rights of suspects to coincide with police powers coming into effect next January is being delayed by a dispute between chief police officers and solicitors.

The code was due to be laid before both Houses of Parliament and debated before Easter, so the police training programmes could begin. But the police and the Law Society disagree over the procedure under which suspects should be informed of their right to legal advice.

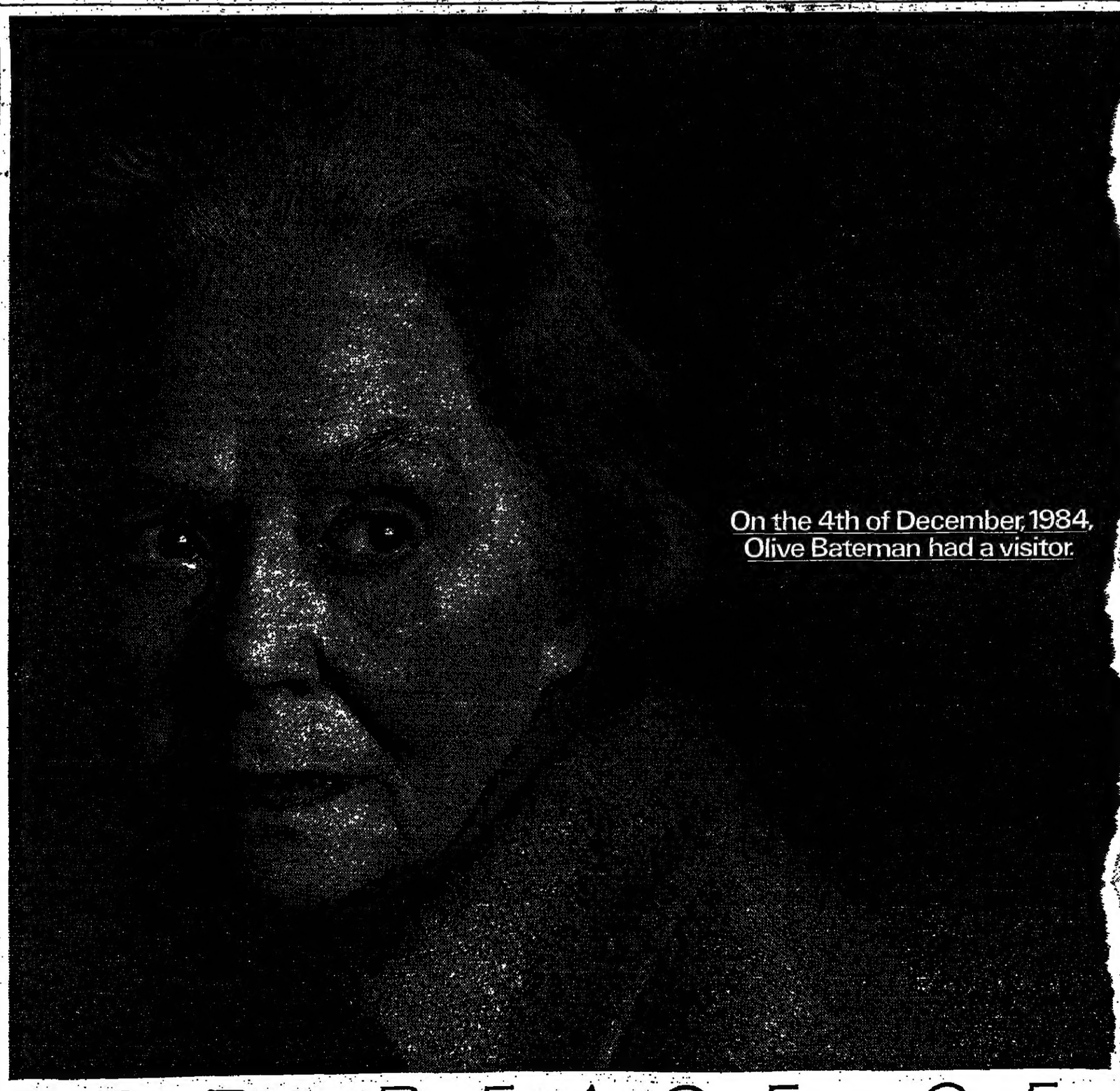
The Law Society, which represents 40,000 practising solicitors, wants all suspects held in police stations to be provided with cards which will explain their right to legal advice. The chief police officers believe that the cards should be restricted to suspects who have been arrested. They believe that suspects who have gone voluntarily to police stations to help with inquiries should be told only that they have a right to legal advice.

No one knows how many suspects go voluntarily to police stations every year, but the Law Society estimates that nine out of 10 who go voluntarily end up being arrested. They believe that the volunteer should have the same protection as someone who has been formally arrested.

The new duty solicitor schemes were originally to be restricted to people who had been formally arrested, but the Government agreed during the debate on the 1984 Police Bill to extend the scheme to volunteers.

The Lord Chancellor's Department has financed two pilot duty solicitor schemes at police stations in Birmingham and Northampton this year.

Michael Zander adds: The bill to transfer prosecutions from the police to a prosecution service may inadvertently remove the right *to sue for* malicious prosecution, according to an article shortly to be published in the Law Society's Guardian Gazette by Mr John Harrison, of the Paddington Law Centre.



On the 4th of December, 1984, Olive Bateman had a visitor.

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'Clawback' will take £1 million from each

Tory shires face grant cuts after council polls

By John Carvel, Local Government Correspondent

Most of the Tory-controlled shire counties face extra cuts in their government grants shortly after the county council elections next month.

Berkshire, East Sussex, Essex, Hampshire, Hertfordshire, Surrey, and West Sussex will each lose more than £1 million as a result of further efforts by the Department of the Environment to keep the grant total to within the Treasury's cash limit. Other prosperous counties will lose by smaller amounts.

The reductions will be announced in a supplementary report to the rate support grant settlement to be published in June or July.

Earlier this month the Government told all English councils that they will lose 1.5 per cent of the grant they expected when they fixed their budgets. It proposes to replace this crude ruling with a more sophisticated adjustment, the result of which will be that councils in areas with high rateable values will lose more and poorer areas will lose less.

The exercise, known as "close-ending" or "clawback," was reported in the Guardian on April 4.

Ministers have explained that clawback is an established feature of the grant system, and that the last Labour government also acted at this time of year to prevent councils claiming more grant than was available.

They have not pointed out, however, that the system changed in 1981, and that the result of the present exercise is that the Government will end up paying out substantially less than the grant cash limit.

Under the new arrangements the Government deducts penalties for "overspending" councils from the grant pool after deciding how much is available for distribution. This year's penalties are expected to be worth about £400 million.

The result is that the Government will pay out about £3.2 billion instead of the £3.6 billion for which the Treasury budgeted.

Gallery charges 'possible'

By Penny Chorlton

The National Gallery may have to consider reintroducing admission charges if it is to continue to buy paintings on the intenational art market, Lord Annan, chairman of the trustees, said yesterday.

The recent reduction in the gallery's purchase grant was so severe that it would no longer be able to acquire paintings other than on an occasional basis, he said.

Although it was policy not to charge admission fees to the three million people who visit each year, the question was constantly under review.

A report by the gallery's trustees makes the point that the 17 per cent cut in grant from £3.3 million to £2.27 million is in real terms — given that the dollar is the currency in which the international art market deals — is closer to a 33 per cent reduction.

Lord Annan said that while the gallery could no longer even enter the bidding for some works of art, it is also suffering from a lack of gifts by individuals.

The trustees called on Lord Gowrie, minister for the arts, to set up a committee to consider what improvements might be made in the tax system to help the funding of museums and galleries. They draw attention to "the virtual non-existence of tax arrangements in this country to encourage magnanimous individuals to give works of art or sums of money to museums and galleries."

Lord Annan added: "When a museum financed by a local authority makes a purchase in the sale room it does not pay VAT. But when a national museum does the same it is liable to that tax. When the gallery purchased Pissarro's View of Sydenham for £567,840 we had to pay £47,840 on top for the buyers' premium and VAT."

If the Government did not form a committee to consider the tax position galleries and museums might take the initiative themselves, he suggested.

● Lord Annan (right): tax anomaly

Jacqueline Leverato: infected herself

Siege foiled by woman

A housewife who disarmed a heroin addict gunman to end a two-and-a-half-hour siege at an all night chemist's in north-west London was awarded £75 by an Old Bailey judge yesterday.

Judge John Owen, QC, said that Mrs Jacqueline Leverato, aged 33, of Loveday Road, Ealing, had acted with great courage after the man burst into the shop where she was a customer last Sepember.

Mrs Leverato gained his confidence by confessing that she was also a drug addict and injecting the man and herself.

Mrs Leverato waited until he became stupefied, then grabbed the pistol.

Thatcher will not be drawn on nurses' pay

By David Hencke, *Social Services Correspondent*

The Labour leader, Mr Neil Kinnock, yesterday challenged the Prime Minister to support a pay award for the nurses which would begin to take them back to their 1980 rates of pay.

His challenge in the Commons followed his pledge to the Royal College of Nursing conference on Monday that Labour would back a 20 per cent phased pay rise over two or three years and a return to 1980 levels at a cost of £660 million.

But Mrs Thatcher refused to be drawn, insisting that she could give no undertakings until the pay review body reports had been considered. She said that her government's record was better than Labour's.

Earlier yesterday, Mrs Thatcher was warned that nurses bitterly resent statements by the Health Minister that any pay settlements above 3 per cent will have to be funded out of services to patients.

The warning was in a letter from Mr Trevor Clay, the general secretary of the Royal College of Nursing, to 10 Downing Street, after a unanimous condemnation of "moral blackmail" at the college's annual conference in *Bournemouth*.

Mr Clay told the Prime Minister that he expected the pay award, to be made by the independent pay board, to be implemented in full. Anything less, he said: "Would be a total abrogation of the pledge given by the Government when the pay board was set up."

The strong language from Mr Clay reflected the views of delegates at the conference and the fact that the organisation relies heavily on public moral outrage rather than industrial action to secure its pay claims.

It also demonstrated growing opposition among many RCN members to government treatment of the National Health Service. At the same conference members overwhelmingly passed resolutions objecting to any further privatisation of health services and to deploring the effect of growing unemployment on the health of children and families.

The motion on privatisation urged the Royal College of Nursing council to oppose any attempts by the Government to increase privatisation within the NHS. Mr Clay said later that the RCN will take a tougher line against any move to introduce contracted out nursing and transport services.

Microbionic Farming Enterprises' quality controller, Mr Islwyn Morris, discussing the situation with supporters of the scheme yesterday. Picture by John Barnes

Farmers sunk in milk scheme

By Paul Heyland

Farmers and housewives were yesterday counting the cost of their involvement in a cottage industry which has ceased trading temporarily after receiving hundreds of thousands of pounds from investors.

Supporters of Microbionic Farming Enterprises have been shocked to find that milk cultures they have grown for the company as the basis of a famine relief biscuit now lie rotting in a caravan outside MFE's headquarters in west Wales.

Mr Courtney Ferguson, aged 45, the Zimbabwean founder of the company, is believed to be abroad organising additional funds. He had been expected to return last week.

MFE's offices at Cross Hands, Dyfed, failed to open for business this week, and a notice informed investors that Mr Ferguson's continued absence prevented the company from trading for the time being.

MFE has been leasing micro-organisms in £10 units, and at one stage guaranteed a 500 per cent profit for cultures grown in glasses of milk and grated cheese at investors' homes.

Mr and Mrs Leslie Smith, who farm near Llandello, Dyfed, are owed £2,500 for cultures they have returned. "We have another £2,000 worth of cultures to send to the company," said Mrs Frances Smith. "We will feed them to the pig if Mr Ferguson doesn't turn up."

The owner of Gelli farm boarding kennels, near Cross Hands, who has been caring for the Ferguson family's alsatian and cat for the past four weeks, has received a letter from them suggesting that the pedigree dog be sold in lieu of boarding fees. Mr Ferguson, his wife, and two children were thought to have flown to the United States.

Ennis Caravans, at Cross Hands, who have been renting premises to Mr Ferguson, say they are owed £1,625

Office suppliers want to recover furniture worth almost £500 from MFE, and other equipment has been seized by a bailiff.

Mr Ferguson has denied having any connection with similar culture schemes which collapsed in South Africa, where 70,000 creditors owed more than £200 million are awaiting the outcome of liquidation proceedings

Owen accuses BBC of distortion

By Seumas Milne

Dr David Owen yesterday accused the BBC of systematic bias in its news programmes, which he contrasted with what he called the "diversity" of the British press.

Its "distorted coverage" of the political parties was a disgrace, he told the 1984 British Press Awards presentation at the Savoy Hotel, London.

The SDP leader was the guest of honour at the presentation lunch. His outspoken remarks follow his failure to win a High Court order earlier this year which would have required the Broadcasting Complaints Commission to review his complaint that ITN and the BBC treated his party unfairly.

"It is reasonably easy to get your viewpoint across in the diversity of the British press," he said yesterday. "I wish I could say the same for the BBC. The BBC is rapidly losing the respect of a substantial section of the population, and it had better wake up to the fact."

● The BBC promised in the High Court yesterday not to rebroadcast an interview with Princess Michael of Kent which it copied from TV-am and ran on its Breakfast Time programme.

No tasting

By our Correspondent

Eight water workers in North Wales will no longer have to act as samplers, taking hourly sips to test for taste.

The men at the Bretton plant, which treats water from the river Dee before it is pumped into the mains, protested after a chemical leak into the river last year.

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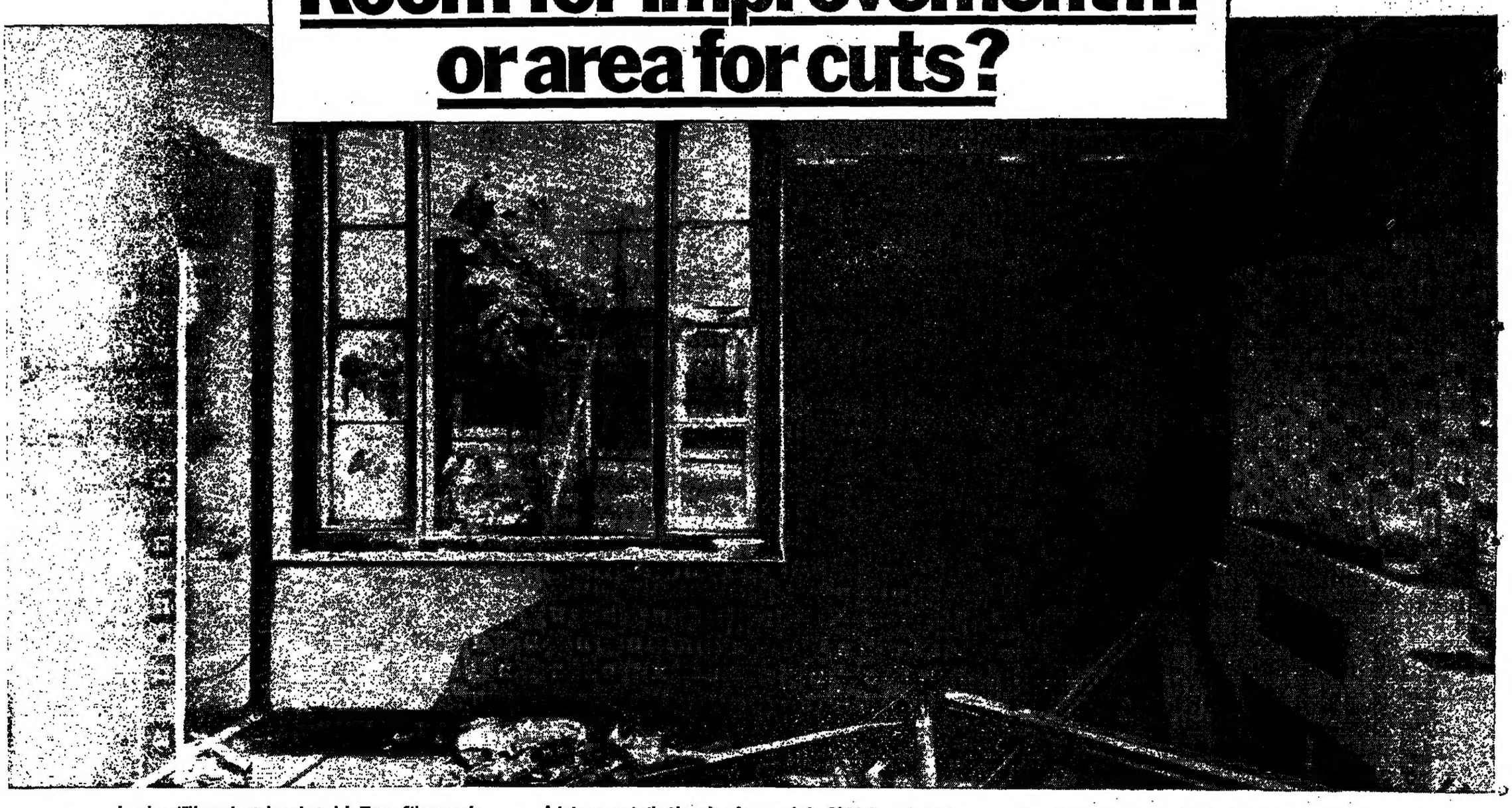
Room for improvement... or area for cuts?



London still has a huge housing crisis. Tens of thousands are homeless and one home in four is unfit for human habitation, in serious disrepair, or lacking basic amenities such as a bathroom.

Although the very worst conditions are to be found in private sector rented housing, many council homes are now over 50 years old and badly in need of modernisation.

In 1980 the GLC began transferring its homes to the London boroughs and undertook a government-imposed legal duty to renovate that housing. As a result the GLC is investing in a massive £1,000 million programme of improvement up to 1992.

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Owen vote-rigging warning

SECRET BALLOTS

By Alan Travis

ALLEGATIONS of ballot-rigging in the Transport and General Workers' Union will run all year unless political fund polls in the unions are conducted by secret postal votes, Dr David Owen, the SDP leader, claimed yesterday.

His opening speech in an Alliance-initiated debate on trade union ballots was delayed by 45 minutes when the Commons was suspended after a move by Labour left-wingers to occupy the SDP's benches in the Commons.

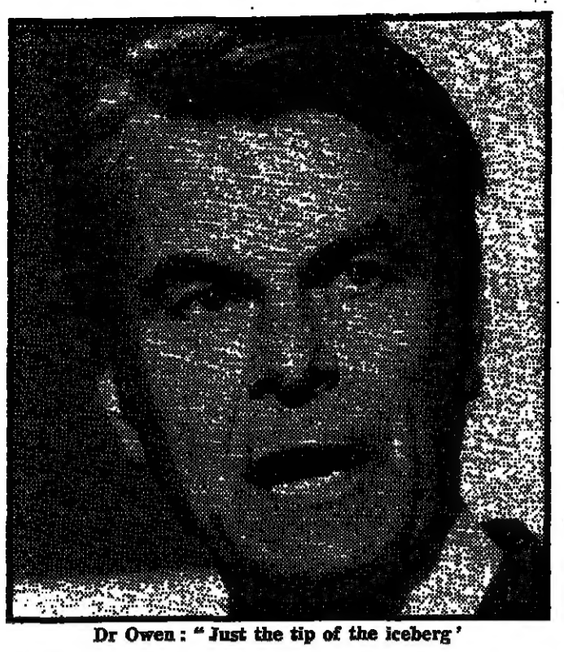
During the disruption Dr Owen was jostled and elbowed when he made several attempts to speak from the Opposition despatch box. After the Deputy Speaker suspended the sitting Dr Owen was able to make his speech from his normal place on the front bench below the gangway.

He told the Commons that the allegations of TGWU ballot-rigging were just a tip of the iceberg. He said the first union to hold a ballot on the political fund issue, Sogat, was undertaking a series of workplace polls.

If that proved the hallmark for the way the rest of the unions conduct their political fund ballots, claims of ballot-rigging would run all year.

He criticised the working of the new Trade Union Act, which reformed industrial relations law on ballots, saying that it did not fulfil its expectations since it gave unions the choice of whether to have a postal, a semi-postal or a workplace ballot.

Dr Owen was moving an Alliance motion which called upon the Government to amend the 1984 Trade Union Act immediately to ensure that, unless absolutely impossible in a particular case, all strike ballots, political fund ballots and elections for trade union executive committees involved secret postal voting conducted by independent returning officers and scrutineers.



Dr Owen: "Just the tip of the iceberg'

A government amendment welcomed the new stringent provisions of the Trade Union Act concerning secret ballots and the involvement of trade union members in their union's affairs.

Dr Owen said the new act did not cover the election of the new TGWU General Secretary, Mr Ron Todd, and it did not cover the ballots for non-voting general secretaries.

The forthcoming GMBTU election for Mr David Basnett's successor will also be a branch-based vote rather than a postal ballot, and it is not covered by the act.

But the SDP leader reserved the main thrust of his attack for the series of political funds ballots to be conducted in all unions during the next 12 months.

"All the officials in the unions believe that the political fund should be continued. It is they who are supervising these massive elections," he said.

"We are being asked to believe that the supervision should be undertaken by the full-time officials in the full-time places of work. The wording of part one of the Trade Union Act leaves it open to these officials to conduct workplace ballots. The onus is not on them to have a postal ballot.

"If the Sogat ballot is the hallmark of these political fund elections the sort of stories we have been having about the TGWU will run all year."

The political fund elections should be conducted by full, secret postal ballots with the cost borne by the country as a whole.

"The TGWU is a tip of an ugly iceberg, which is giving temptation to any official with strong views if they are asked to supervise the political ballot. It is incumbent upon us to insist that there should be independent supervision of such work-place ballots."

Doctor Owen was constantly heckled during his speech by Labour left-wingers Mr Dennis Skinner and Mr Dennis Canavan, who were sitting beside him. Mr Skinner accused Dr Owen of having willingly taken money from the union, ASTMS, during his period as a Labour MP and Mr Canavan demanded to know why Dr Owen and his fellow SDP MPs had not offered themselves for ballot among their constituents when they defected from the Labour Party.

Mr Tom King, the Secretary of State for Employment, said he was astonished that the Alliance's motion called for postal ballots before strikes as Liberal and SDP MPs had not raised the matter during the course of the Trades Union Act. He asserted that Dr Owen had made gross inaccuracies in his debates in recent weeks with Mr King over trade-union ballots.

He recommended the new Trades Union Act to MPs: "no longer will the car-park meeting be tolerated in this country," he said.

The presumption of the act was in favour of postal ballots and unions would find themselves in trouble if they did not meet its safeguards.

He said that the proposals would succeed because they worked "with the grain of the unions" and were not imposing upon them. He said the Conservative Government was giving trades-unionists their rights.

Guarded welcome from PM for institute

THE Prime Minister yesterday gave a cool welcome in the Commons to the Formation of the Employment Institute, the new independent think-tank on unemployment.

The group — whose patrons include the ex-Prime Ministers Lord Wilson, Mr Edward Heath and Mr James Callaghan — was initially greeted with scorn by Ministers.

But challenged on her view at Question Time, Mrs Thatcher told the Commons: "Anyone who in fact can help us solve the problem in practical terms, as distinct from talking about it, is of course welcome."

She stressed that two policies proposed by the Institute to tackle unemployment — reduced National Insurance contributions and an expanded community programme — had already been put in hand by the Government. "It would seem we have a number of things in common," she said.

Mrs Thatcher was replying to the Liberal Leader, Mr David Steel, who said the Institute had received "a cautious welcome" from the Employment Secretary, Mr Tom King, while the Tory Party chairman Mr John Gummer had "sought to belittle it."

"Which of your colleagues' views do you support?" he demanded.

Mrs Thatcher told him: "Two of the things that they have proposed that would help have already been put in hand under this Government — they propose a cut in employer's National Insurance contributions, that's already occurred and they proposed an increase in the community programme, that has already occurred."

Later, Tory backbencher Mr Robert Adley (Christchurch) urged the Prime Minister to welcome the new group.

Mrs Thatcher told him: "It really is new business we need, and anything that will assist new business to form will be helpful."

The Government was already looking at a number of areas — such as tax incentives, regulations and planning permission to help in the development of new business, she added.

Gorbachev 'must change policies before UN visit'

LORDS DEBATE

The Soviet leader, Mr Gorbachev, was urged by the former Conservative Prime Minister, Lord Home, to make substantial changes in Soviet foreign policy before his visit to the United Nations in September.

Lord Home, opening a debate in the Lords on East/West relations, strongly attacked breaches of treaties by the Soviet Union and the invasion of Afghanistan, described as "a flagrant and massive" breach of human rights by the European Commission.

"I bring this matter up because in August the Helsinki conference reconvenes. It will be necessary to tell Russian leaders in advance that unless they can conform to the commission's finding it will be impossible to find a formula to cover up or condone their actions in Afghanistan — that ought to be understood now," said Lord Home.

He added: "It is to be devoutly hoped that before then and before Mr Gorbachev goes to the UN, as I understand he may do in September, the Russian leaders should recognise the untild damage to Russia's reputation which follows such actions against a poorer and defenceless country of the Third World."

For the Government, Lord Trefgarne, a Defence Minister said it would be naive to expect early or significant changes in Soviet foreign policy because of the change in leadership.

But this view was challenged by Lord Cledwyn, the Leader of the opposition in the Lords, who said; "I cannot but think that an able and comparatively young leader from a different generation may in due course develop a new approach."

Referring to the expulsion of five Soviet diplomats, Lord Home, who expelled 105 Russians in 1971 when he was in office, said: "The Russians will always spy. They will always use diplomatic cover and when they are caught, as they always will be, they will be realistic and inflict on this country the minimum retaliation.

"The incident, in my view, will have no effect whatever on Russia's relations with this country."

He added: "It is something we have to endure every now and again, but we shall get through it without much harm."

Lord Home concluded, "It will not be easy for people steeped in the ideology of communism to realise in future their word is going to be taken as their bond." If international relations are to be satisfied and to be put on any sort of enduring basis they must rest on treaties honoured and on trust. Nothing less will do."

Lord Trefgarne said the motion called attention to the desire of the United Kingdom and other democracies for better relations with the Soviet Union. "This indeed is an accurate reflection of the Government's policy."

He said Nato's continued policy towards the Soviet Union was "sufficient strength, plus dialogue."

The West should not be lulled into thinking that increasing contacts were going to change the nature of communism or the aim of Soviet policy. "We must have no illusions in this respect."

He accused the Soviet Union of applying double standards. The invasion of Afghanistan was "nothing more than blatant latter-day colonialism tainted with lies and misrepresenation."

Lord Home: Strong attack

He warned that the West had to beware of thinly disguised organisations representing Soviet foreign policy, including the World Peace Council. The Government was prepared to take steps to assure their activities were not given free reain, and to ensure Britain did not play host to a series of "jamborees. ... We have already refused visas to senior members of the World Peace Council."

He added "All these factors form the realities which are part of our dealings with the Soviet Union. I believe it would be naive to expect early or significant changes."

Lord Orr Ewing, a Tory backbench peer, attacked alleged Soviet subversive links with British trade unions.

Describing the World Peace Council, as a Soviet front organisation, Lord Orr Ewing said its Prague peace assembly in 1983 had been attended by Mr Ron Todd, who was elected in the disputed ballot as the general secretary of the TGWU. "It is encouraging that all political leaders, including Mr Kinnock, are now backing a re-run of Ron Todd's election," he said.

He named the Labour MP for Oldham Central, Mr James Lamond, as the British Vice-President of the WPC and said at least four other Labour MPs were members.

AGRICULTURE

Inquiry on quotas

ALLEGATIONS that farmers have transferred milk quotas by making phoney land deals are to be investigated by the Government.

The Agriculture Minister, Mr Michael Jopling, said in a written reply: "I am arranging for transfers of quota to be monitored to ensure that the requirements of Community and United Kingdom legislation are being observed."

"In particular, checks will be carried out to ensure that where quota has been transferred in connection with a sale or lease of land, and the land is subsequently returned to the original occupier without the quota, there has been a change in the use of the land in the meantime."

"If there has been no such change, the quota will be transferred back to the holding from which it came."

He added that in order to establish change of use had occurred, a reasonable period of time must separate the two transactions.

INDUSTRY

Pay at top defended

THE Minister for Youth Employment, Lord Young of Graffham, yesterday defended companies' rights to give big pay rises to chairmen and chief executives.

At Lords question time he said: "Unless we get men of proven ability and talent at the head of our enterprises we will not get the employment we sorely need."

Lord Beswick (Lab.) said there was something "repugnant and offensive in the implication that certain individuals will only give of their best if they are paid in terms of hundreds of thousands of pounds a year."

Lord Stoddart of Swindon (Lab.) attacked an ICI move to raise the pay of its chairman, Mr John Harvey-Jones, by more than 66 per cent from £171,000 to £287,000 a year, when "ordinary workers are being harangued by the Government to expect low wage increases to save jobs."

Plan for national transport body

TRANSPORT

Labour is planning a national transport authority which would "unscramble" Tory reforms and rebuild the public transport system, Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, the Labour Transport spokesman said yesterday.

Launching an attack on the Government's current Transport Bill as part of the Labour campaign for the shire counties election next month, Mrs Dunwoody said that it posed the greatest single threat to public transport for more than 50 years. It could mean the end of concessionary fares, closure of unprofitable services and rural routes, and a number of subsidised railway lines.

"The bill has left so many question marks, I see three years of anarchy and chaos so it would be foolish to try and give any detailed answers about what we would do after winning the next election."

Mrs Dunwoody: 'Chaos'

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Army gains a voice in new appointments

Gorbachev's allies promoted during Politburo review

From Martin Walker in Moscow

Mr Mikhail Gorbachev's two closest allies in the Central Committee, the technocrat, Mr Nikolai Ryzhkov, and the man in charge of party appointments, Mr Yegor Ligachev, have been promoted to full membership of the Politburo, a rare distinction because neither had to serve a probationary period as a non-voting candidate member.

The head of the KGB, Mr Viktor Chebrikov, was also promoted to full membership at yesterday's plenum meeting of the Central Committee, almost two years after his election as a candidate member.

The Soviet armed forces again have their own voice on the Politburo in the new Defence Minister, Marshal Sergei Sokolov, although as a candidate member, he does not have a formal vote.

The Minister of Agriculture, Mr Victor Nikonov, has been promoted to what is possibly the hottest seat in Soviet Government, Secretary for Agriculture in the Central Committee. The post was formerly held by Mr Gorbachev, but it carries the constant risk of being made the scapegoat for the continued shortcomings of the Soviet farming sector.

In an unusually short statement on Soviet television, the Politburo promotions were announced, and it was said that the plenum had discussed matters of party organisation. A list of those members of the Central Committee who spoke after Mr Gorbachev's report was given, and it was said that an agreed statement would be published in the Soviet press later.

The only other item in the brief statement was the announcement that the next Party Congress would take place on February 25, 1986, and not in the autumn, as had been widely expected. This gives Mr Gorbachev another three months to overhaul the party bureaucracy to his own requirements.

The new average age of the Politburo, excluding candidate members, is now 65 — lower than any time since the mid-1970s. There are still five Politburo members in their 70s, including the Prime Minister, Mr Nikolai Tikhonov, aged 79, and the Foreign Minister, Mr Andrei Gromyko, at 75.

The new Politburo of 13 voting members is split into two generations of six men each, with Mr Gorbachev holding the supreme position, and if need be, the casting vote.

If the Gorbachev programme of economic reform and social discipline does meet any criticism inside the Politburo, Mr Gorbachev can expect the firm support of his new appointees, Mr Ryzhkov, aged 55 and Mr Ligachev, aged 64, the Russian Prime Minister, Mr Vorotnikov, aged 61, and Geidar Aliev, aged 61, who delivered a powerful speech in favour of reform at the Lenin birthday rally this week, and the KGB chief, Mr Chebrikov, aged 61.

New faces: two of Mr Gorbachev's closest allies, Mr Nikolai Ryzhkov (left) and Mr Yegor Ligachev, promoted to the Politburo

WEST Germany's largest bank, Deutsche Bank, is holding preliminary talks on a credit of 750 million marks (£200 million) for the Soviet Union, a bank spokesman said yesterday.

He said that the bank's joint management board spokesman, Mr F. Wilhelm Christians, met the Soviet leader, Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, in Moscow last week and underlined the bank's readiness to take a positive stance towards future credit needs.—Reuter.

Pope deplores film on Mary

ROME: The Pope yesterday stepped into the controversy about the French director, Jean-Luc Godard's film on the Virgin Mary, saying it distorted and reviled the spiritual significance of the mother of Jesus.

The film, Je Vous Salue Marie (Hail Mary), portrays Mary as the teenage daughter of a petrol station manager. Joseph is a taxi driver who devours science-fiction paperbacks and the Archangel Gabriel is a foul-mouthed, at times violent, drifter.

The Pope said in an unusually strong public statement that he deplored the film, now showing at a Rome cinema.

A telegram sent in his name by the Vatican Secretary of State, Cardinal Agostino Casaroli, to the Cardinal of Rome, Mgr Ugo Poletti, said that the film deeply wounded believers' religious sentiment and respect for sacred things.

The telegram said the pontiff would be spiritually present with believers at a prayer service against the film at Rome's Basilica of St John in Lateran later yesterday. Catholics in France have also opposed the film.

The preview in France in January was disrupted when a group of Catholics burst in and stole a reel of film.

Followers of the rebel French traditionalist Archbishop, Mgr Marcel Lefebvre, last week demonstrated outside the cinema in Rome where it is showing, calling the film blasphemous and asking the authorities to ban it.

Under a revised agreement between the Vatican and Italy last year, Rome lost its status as a sacred city, which in the past led to censorship of material seen as offensive to Roman Catholicism or the Papacy.

In Hail Mary, when Mary becomes pregnant without having sex, her fiance Joseph is overcome with jealousy and refuses to believe she is a virgin. Finally he accepts the situation. The film includes nude scenes of Mary and ends with a surrealist vision of the Christ-child tottering away into the countryside.—Reuter.

Renaissance tour for Royals

Florence: The Prince and Princess of Wales yesterday renewed a tradition of the British Royal Family dating back to the late 19th Century by touring the Renaissance city.

The Royal couple began their tour with visits to an 11th-Century church and a collection of paintings in the Palazzo Pitti.

Prince Charles and Princess Diana, who are staying in a 16th-Century villa in a park outside Florence, visited the church of San Miniato on a hill overlooking the city in their first engagement of the day, where they are seen with Father Vittorino Aldimieci. According to legend, St Miniato, after being beheaded in a Roman amphitheatre, carried his head across the River Arno to the spot where the white and green marble-faced church now stands.

As the couple left the church they lingered in a souvenir shop run by monks, where they were presented with a bottle of herbal liquor, a pot of honey, and a ceramic bowl. During a walkabout, the Prince stooped to kiss the head of an old woman pensioner who said she had met the Queen in 1953 during a stay in Britain.

They were then taken to the city centre to see three rooms in the Palazzo Pitti containing paintings by Titian, Rubens, and Raphael. After lunch at Villa I Colazzi, the country home of the Frescobaldis, the couple spent an afternoon without formal engagements.—Reuter.

Oxfam condemns Britain on aid

From Michael White in Washington

Oxfam yesterday published a report condemning Britain's ambivalent attitude towards the crisis in Nicaragua, as both houses of Congress embarked upon all-day debates to decide the fate of President Reagan's aid policy.

Protracted talks between the White House and a bipartisan group of senators failed to achieve a workable compromise between the president's now discredited formula for a ceasefire and resumed aid to the contra rebels in Nicaragua — despite evident eagerness on both sides to avoid an outright breach between the two ends of Pennsylvania Avenue.

In the House of Representatives which was expected to start voting just before midnight local time there is less inclination to compromise among the Democratic majority.

Meanwhile, in an attempt to influence congressional opinion, Oxfam joined lobbyists, activists, Hollywood stars and others involved on both sides in recent days — and the American churches which have been conspicuously anti-Reagan on Central America. The agency published a report, soon to be released in Britain, which offered a 20-year perspective on its work in Nicaragua.

In essence, Dianna Melrose, the author of Nicaragua: the Threat of a Good Example? While not uncritical of the Sandinistas, overwhelmingly endorses their efforts to bring social and economic progress to a poor country.

She condemns the US-backed contras for the disastrous effect of their guerrilla war

While condemning the Reagan Administration for its trade and aid war against the Sandinistas since 1980, it is particularly scornful of Britain whose performance it contrasts with other European countries and the EEC.

British official bilateral aid to Nicaragua was eight times as great per head in 1977 as it was in 1983. Given the comparatively high level of support for Honduras and Costa Rica which also get huge US aid, Ms Melrose argues that Whitehall's criteria must be "of an essentially political nature."

'Lies' says Weinberger

From our Own Correspondent in Washington

The State Department yesterday denounced a Soviet interpretation of the fatal shooting of an American army major in East Germany last month as "unacceptable," and the Defence Secretary, Mr Caspar Weinberger, accused the Russians of lying.

The shooting affair flared again after the unexpected Soviet "clarification," of the understanding reached between military commanders in the field.

In contradiction of the gloss placed by Washington on the US-Soviet military meeting in Germany, the Soviet embassy here issued its own interpretation.

The Russians rejected the suggestion that they had promised not to use force against US military personnel engaged in the grey world of "licensed espionage," in East Germany.

Complaining that the State Department had presented the talks, "in a distorted light," the Russian embassy said yesterday that it was offering clarification.

Europeans divided about Star Wars

From Derek Brown in Bonn

The prospects of joint European participation in the multi-million dollar Star Wars research programme appeared poor yesterday as ministers of key governments tried and failed to define a united approach.

Instead, the foreign and defence ministers of the seven-member Western European Union opted for a pledge to put officials to work on further studies of possible coordination.

The West German Foreign Minister and WEU chairman, Mr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, stoutly defended the recently revived attempts to find a distinctive European voice. But he admitted that individual countries were likely now to make separate bids for a share

"It will be each man for himself, but in a coordinated sort of way," he said.

The Defence Secretary, Mr Michael Heseltine, said that before there could be more co-operation, the European countries would have to find out what was on offer. "Until we know what the opportunities are, we cannot know what possibility there is of coordination," he said.

The WEU countries — Britain, Germany, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg — have carefully avoided any collective commitment to the Star Wars strategy. The ministerial communique yesterday supported the US negotiating stance on the Geneva arms talks, which they hoped would end the arms race on Earth and prevent an arms race in space.

The Permanent Council, the small core of full-time WEU officials, has been given no deadline to report back to ministers, Mr Genscher said.

The lack of urgency here leaves little hope of a joint European response to the US offer of shares in the SDI programme. Although the US Defence Secretary, Mr Caspar Weinberger, has withdrawn his mid-May deadline for Europe to declare its joint or several interests, Washington still wants some quick answers, diplomats said.

The WEU communique made no direct mention of the French Programme proposals for combined European research into advanced technology.

Journalists' death toll reaches 23

From Iain Guest in Vevey, Switzerland

AN INTERNATIONAL seminar heard here yesterday that 359 journalists were killed, wounded, gaoled, or expelled in the course of their work last year.

The statistics were presented by the World Press Freedom Committee to a two-day seminar on the safety of journalists organised by the International Committee of the Red Cross.

According to the statistics, 23 of the journalists were killed, 81 wounded, and 205 gaoled.

The seminar was also told that 210 journalists have been killed in Latin America over the past 20 years.

According to the General Federation of Arab Journalists, which is another of the 16 organisations attending the seminar, 98 Arab journalists have been killed in the last 10 years of conflict in the Middle East.

The vice-president of the ICRC told the meeting: "When a newspaper correspondent goes to the front, he knows the risks he is taking and he accepts them. Bombings, shellings, mined roads are dangers inherent in any war."

"However, what you do not accept, because they are unacceptable, are the deliberate acts—arrest, prolonged detention, ill-treatment, abduction, murder—designed in disregard of your freedom or even your life, to keep you from doing your job.

Pershing report

From Anna Tomforde in Bonn

THE ACCIDENT involving a Pershing II rocket in which three American soldiers were killed and 16 injured in January was caused by an unprecedented "electrostatic charge" in the fuel tank as well as incorrect handling of a rocket part by maintenance staff, Defence Ministry sources said yesterday.

The Defence Minister, Mr Manfred Woerner, and the American Army Minister, Mr John Ambrose, are due to brief the Bundestag Defence Committee on the accident at the US Waldheide air base near Heilbronn on January 11.

According to the sources, the investigation report concludes that there was "no risk of nuclear contamination" from the accident, which has led to considerable concern among the local population.

British rebate at centre of Community row on budget

From Alex Scott in Luxembourg

A clash on Britain's £600-million rebate from the EEC is expected between the European Parliament and Community finance ministers.

After a meeting between the two sides here yesterday, the Parliament's President, Mr Pierre Pflimlin, said that there was serious disagreement about final control of the rebate.

The British money is part of the EEC's 1985 budget, which Parliament rejected in December. The finance ministers are attempting to put together a new package to present to Parliament next month.

Observers believe that the question of the British rebate could prompt Parliament to reject the budget again, thereby further crippling EEC finances. The Community has been forced to operate a strict month-by-month budget since the beginning of the year — a form of financing which is expected to expire in the summer when the money will run out.

Ministers were working late into the night to reach agreement on how much extra funding will be required before the end of the year. All the member states will be expected to produce additional resources to bail out the budget, and Britain could be asked to pay up to £240 million more.

The Economic Secretary to the Treasury, Mr Ian Stewart, together with his Dutch and Belgian colleagues, was battling to reduce extra spending

Part of the problem is that there has still been no agreement over this year's farm prices, and therefore no figure to be set aside in the budget to pay for the inevitable incrase in costs. Mr Stewart argued that to leve open the figure for farm spending in the budget was an invitation to the farm ministers to go for larger price increases.

Officers stay away from court

From Jeremy Morgan in Buenos Aires

None of the nine senior officers facing charges including murder, kidnapping, and torture during the military regime which handed over power to President Alfonsin's democratic government 16 months ago, appeared in the dock at the public hearings of their trial.

The defendants were not obliged to turn up. The trial is even more unusual because the military is unused to having to answer for its conduct in office, and because the proceedings are in public

Lawyers for the defence protested against the "political" trial as the six judges handling the hearing began to hear testimony from more than 2,000 witnesses who will be called.

The first witness was Dr Italo Luder, the opposition Peronist mass movement's unsuccessful presidential candidate in the elections held by the regime in October, 1983. He was questioned about a decree he signed in October, 1975, when he briefly replaced President "Isabel" Peron

The decree, signed only days before Dr Luder handed power back to Mrs Peron six months before the government was overthrown, ordered the military to "annihilate subversion" throughout Argentina.

Dr Luder insisted that by "annihilate," his government had meant the armed forces were to render terrorists ineffective without curbing citizens' rights. If the government had known what was going to happen afterwards, he claimed, it would have repealed the decree.

Duvalier to ease reins

By Greg Chamberlain

Haiti's President-for-Life, Jean-Claude Duvalier, is to permit political parties in the Caribbean republic his family has ruled for the past 28 years.

The move, announced on Monday, was immediately denounced as a sham by leading opposition figures. Mr Sylvio Claude, head of the small underground Christian Democratic Party, who has been in hiding in the capital, Port-au-Prince, since last July, called for the abolition of the life presidency.

Mr Duvalier, aged 33, said he would appoint a prime minister from the majority party in Parliament, but did not say when new elections would be held. A Parliament, all of whose members back the President who barred any real opposition, was chosen only last year and has four more years to run.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Arms talks stalemated

THE GENEVA conference on disarmament ended its spring session yesterday in a bleak mood of stalemate similar to that prevailing at the US-Soviet arms control negotiations, *writes Hella Pick*.

The conference has been primarily preoccupied during the past few months with negotiations to ban chemical weapons. In March, Britain tabled a proposal designed to overcome differences between the Soviet Union and most Western countries on verification procedures.

No progress has been made desiite the US deploring "the slow pace" and Soviet warnings that "we can no longer put up with this stalemate."

Relics on show

BYZANTINE relics from Mount Athos are to go on show for the first time in Salonika in October — allowing women their first opportunity to see them. Even female animals have been barred from the 20 monasteries that make up the autonomous community of Mount Athos by imperial decree dating back more than a thousand years. The display will be part of the city's international trade fair. — Reuter.

MPs detained

EIGHT Belgian MPs parliamentarians were remanded in custody yesterday for illegally entering the Florennes air base, where 16 cruise missiles are deployed. The eight, charged with illegal entry, are to be sentenced on Friday. They face maximum prison terms of one month. — AP.

PRESIDENT Honecker of East Germany arrived in Italy yesterday on his first official visit to a Nato-member country. He will have an audience with the Pope and also sign a protocol on economic cooperation. — AP.

Widow remanded

SYBILA Arredondo, an anthropologist and the widow of a Peruvian novelist, Jose Maria Arguedas, has been remanded in custody by a Lima court, accused of involvement in terrorist activity, *writes Mike Reid*. She was arrested last month with five alleged leaders of the Sendero Luminoso guerrilla movement, and is now likely to be detained for up to six months.

Chile kidnap

THE DAUGHTER of a former Chilean government minister has been abducted in Santiago and interrogated for 22 hours about the dissident activities of her family. Government agencies have denied involvement, but Miss Carmen Hales reported that her leading interrogator was referred to as captain, *writes Malcolm Coad*.

Cyprus-bound

A STRIKE by Cyprus Airways employees has stranded passengers at Larnaca international airport. Ground staff are staging two-hour stoppages twice daily, working to rule and banning overtime in support of demands for improved pay and conditions. — Reuter.

'Spy' charged

WEST GERMANY'S chief prosecutor, Mr Kurt Rebmann, said yesterday he had charged a 44-year-old West German engineer with spying for the KGB, the Soviet secret police. Mr Dieter Doerfler is accused of handing over documents dealing with weapons projects developed by the US Reuter.

Slow bus

PEKING'S bus drivers are going slow in protest about pay and bonuses, a senior Chinese trade union official said yesterday. The drivers lose bonuses if buses are late or involved in minor traffic violations — a more frequent occurrence as Peking's roads grow more clogged with new motor traffic. — Reuter.

Sweet success?

THINGS will be going differently henceforth at Coca-Cola's numerous bottling plants. The company announced in the US yesterday that a new, sweeter formula has been devised for the 99-year-old soft drink to counter a loss of market share. — AP.

Maputo ambush

FIVE Mozambicans, including three officials of the ruling Frelimo Party, were killed by rebels last Friday near the capital, Maputo when their vehicle was ambushed, the official news agency reported yesterday. — Reuter.

Britons killed

TWO BRITISH soldiers were killed and six others injured yesterday when a lorry overturned near an army base at Sennelager, West Germany. Their names were not released. — Reuter.

Corsican bomb

A BOMB badly damaged a French government building in Bastia, Corsica, last night. Police suspect the Corsican National Liberation Front was responsible. — Reuter.

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Deployment of army fails to halt Indian caste fighting

Fifteen die in Gujarat's worst day of violence

From Eric Silver in Ahmedabad

At least 15 people were reportedly killed and 80 wounded in street battles between rival groups here yesterday despite the deployment of troops to try to halt the fighting.

It was the worst day of violence in this west Indian city since the start of a bitter campaign 11 weeks ago to reverse government policies reserving jobs and college places for minority groups. During savage clashes between police and supporters and opponents of the policies, victims were stabbed, shot, stoned, and burned to death.

The three million inhabitants of the state of Gujarat's industrial capital are a volatile mix of castes and classes, tribes and faiths. Yesterday's violence followed a night in which 12 men and women died in fighting between upper and lower caste Hindus and between Hindus and Muslims, bringing the total death toll so far to 48.

By yesterday afternoon the army, which was deployed on Monday night, could claim that the situation was under control. An infantry brigade was on call, patrolling the worst affected areas with automatics at the ready in open lorries and primed to rush to any new trouble spots.

Six companies of paramilitary Central Reserve Police were manning inter-sections. The local police, which had run amok on Monday after a constable was hacked to death with a billhook, reverted to maintaining the peace. About a third of the city remained under curfew, as did Baroda and Broach elsewhere in the state.

The fire brigade was called to the Sindhi cloth market just outside the old walled city when low-caste campaigners set shops ablaze for staying open during a recent strike.

In Bapunagar, the worst-hit slum district, single-storey shops and houses were still burning last night. The narrow lanes were deserted except for dirty-white cows and eager goats picking at the debris. Muslims lived on one side of the road, Hindus on the other. It was the Muslims' property that suffered this time.

At one crossroads there were five upturned and burned-out jeeps. At another, nearer the main police station, broken glass and blackened scooters testified to the day the constabulary went berserk. Their main target was the local press, which they blamed for spotlighting charges of police brutality. The Ahmedabad editions of the Times of India and the Indian Express did not appear yesterday. The textile mills were closed and buses off the roads.

The Gujarat violence first flared last February, three months after the Government announced that government job and university quotas for Untouchables and other underprivileged castes would go up from 31 to 49 per cent. Students, mainly from upper caste Hindu families, claim the quotas deprive them of jobs and college places on merit.

The Interior Minister, Mr S.B. Chavan, told Parliament yesterday that police in Ahmedabad had committed arson and damaged private property in the city on Monday — action "unbecoming of a uniformed service."

Indonesia and Peking agree to talks

BANDUNG, Indonesia: Indonesia and China agreed yesterday to hold formal talks for the first time since Jakarta froze diplomatic relations after an abortive Communist-backed coup 20 years ago.

The Indonesian Foreign Minister, Mr Mochtar Kusumaatmadja, said that the Chinese Foreign Minister, Mr Wu Xueqian (surrounded by reporters above) had asked for a meeting. The talks were being arranged but a time had yet to be fixed, he said. Mr Wu, attending ceremonies to mark the 30th anniversary of the Bandung Asia-Africa conference, is the first Chinese minister to visit Indonesia since relations were suspended in 1967.

He said on arrival in Jakarta on Monday night that China would not interfere in the internal affairs of other countries and said he would be honoured to meet President Suharto.

Mr Mochtar did not say if the meeting of the two foreign ministers would lead to a formal dialogue with President Suharto.

The President says Indonesia will not resume ties while Peking refuses to renounce its moral support for Communist insurgents in South-east Asia. For Peking, the unfreezing of ties with Jakarta is a foreign policy goal and long overdue.

Mr Wu arrived in Bandung, in west Java, yesterday with 22 other foreign ministers to a traditional welcome of music and dancing by women who showered delegates with jasmine petals. The delegates from 80 countries, who represent two-thirds of the world's population, came to renew their commitment to the Bandung spirit which speeded up the process of decolonisation and helped to create the Nonaligned Movement. — Reuter.

Chinese unions seek link-up

Peking: China said yesterday that it was ready to restore relations with trade unions in he Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

The vice-president of the All-China Federation of Trade Unions, Mr Wang Jiachong, told local journalists that links had already been re-established with trade unions in East Germany and Hungary.

His remarks followed the latest round of talks in Moscow on normalising overall relations between China and the Soviet Union. The special envoy, Mr Qian Qichen, arrived home yesterday from the Soviet capital, but said little progress had been achieved.

Peking has demanded a reduction of Soviet troops on its border, and end to Moscow's military intervention in Afghanistan and a halt to Kremlin support for Vietnam's policy in Kampuchea as a condition for normalising links between the estranged Communist giants.

Mr Qian saw the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Andrei Gromyko, on Monday and, according to local reports, told him it was up to Moscow to make a move to improve their straned ties. — Reuter.

Sihanouk quits as coalition leader

Peking: Prince Norodom Sihanoukhas asked to resign as president of Kampuchea's precarious anti-Vietnamese guerrilla coalition, foreign diplomats said yesterday.

They said Prince Sihanouk wrote to Khieu Samphan, the Khmer Rouge leader and coalition Prime Minister, resigning for health reasons. No one answered the telephone at Prince Sihanouk's residence in Pyongyan, North Korea, yesterday, and no details were available.

The diplomats said that Prince Sihanouk, who has previously threatened to resign in protest against his two coalition partners, was not ill although he recently seemed tired and could be suffering from high blood pressure.

The coalition, recognised by the United Nations, links Prince Sihanouk's followers with those of the former Prime Minister, Mr Son Sann, and the Communist Khmer Rouge

Prince Sihanouk's offer of resignation may reflect his unease about the limited aid given to his forces by the stronger Khmer Rouge during recent Vietnamese offensives against guerrilla bases on the Thai border. — Reuter.

Protest blasts in Dhaka

From Amin Chowdhury in Dhaka

Explosions rocked Dhaka and other towns as the opposition political parties in Bangladesh yesterday started a week-long campaign against the military government.

The object is to force president Houssain Mohammad Ershad to cancel the rural subdistrict elections planned for next month.

Three policemen were seriously wounded yesterday when demonstrators threw bombs near a government office where candidates for the subdistrict elections were submitting nominations.

One person was also killed and 11 others injured when bombs went off near Baitul Mukarram Plaza in Dhaka.

Police used batons to break up chanting demonstrators who retaliated by throwing stones. Six policemen were wounded, one seriously.

President Ershad, now three years in power, has outlawed strikes, processions, demonstrations, and all political and trade union activity.

Elections to head the 460 subdistricts have been planned in two phases, on May 16 and May 20.

President Ershad, armed with a mandate to rule after last month's controversial referendum, told foreign correspondents that he would relax the stiff martial law and hold talks with the opposition after the subdistrict polls.

Most politicians are still in hiding. The two principal political opponents of the regime — Mrs Khaleda Zia, chief of the Nationalist Party, and Mrs Sheikh Hasina Wazed, president of Awami League — have been interned since March 1. Opposition sources claimed that more than 500 of their workers and students have been arrested during the last fortnight.—Reuter.

Afghan assembly opens

ISLAMABAD: President Babrak Karmal of Afghanistan yesterday opened a grand tribal assembly in Kabul to gain popular support for his Soviet-backed war against Muslim guerrillas.

Kabul radio, monitored in Islamabad, said that the opening session of the assembly, the Loya Jirga, was attended by 1,996 delegates, about four times more than any earlier countrywide tribal gathering.

Western diplomats here said that Soviet and Afghan troops were patrolling the streets of Kabul in force, while Khad, the secret police, was reported to have brought in extra agents from provinces for the event.

Mr Karmal said last week that the assembly was to take crucial decisions against the guerrillas.

Few guerrilla attacks were reported in Kabul last week, but several rebel leaders based in Pakistan have threatened to put delegates on a "hit list" for eventual killing.

According to one unconfirmed report, guerrillas either shot at or hit a plane ringing Loya Jirga deputies to Kabul from the north-eastern province of Badakhshan.

The diplomats said that the Jirga, the first since President Karmal was installed in power during the Soviet intervention in 1979 might be aimed at winning tribal support for an escalation of the six-year war against the guerrillas. Moscow has an estimated 115,000 troops in Afghanistan.

Radio Kabul appeared to back up this interpretation in its broadcast to Pakistan's tribal areas yesterday, saying that Jirgas were traditionally held to make peace but could also opt for war if the country's independence were in danger.—Reuter.

Soviet Union bans tourism to India

New Delhi: The Soviet Union appears to have banned tourists from visiting India since a Soviet diplomat was murdered here and a second diplomat defected, a Tourism Ministry official said yesterday.

"It seems Moscow has imposed an informal ban on trips to India. There have been dozens of cancelled bookings for April," Mr Ramesh Chandra, the assistant director-general of tourism, said.

"It looks as though the ban follows the troubles at the Soviet embassy here last month."

Mr Chandra said the Soviet Union had not given an official reason for the cancellations. A Soviet embassy spokesman had no comment.

Mr Igor Gheja, a diplomat, defected to the United States in March and a week later another Soviet diplomat, Mr Victor Khitrichenko, was shot dead near the Soviet embassy.

About 17,000 Soviet tourists normally visit India each year out of a total tourist turnover of about 900,000.

"This is a small percentage of the foreign visitor total but at the moment we cannot afford to lose anybody," Mr Chandra said.

He said a team of senior officials from the Tourism Department, Air India, and private travel agencies left for Moscow yesterday in a bid to persuade Soviet Authorities to resume the tourist trade.

"We're hoping to persuade the Soviet Union that India is a safe place to be," he said.—Reuter.

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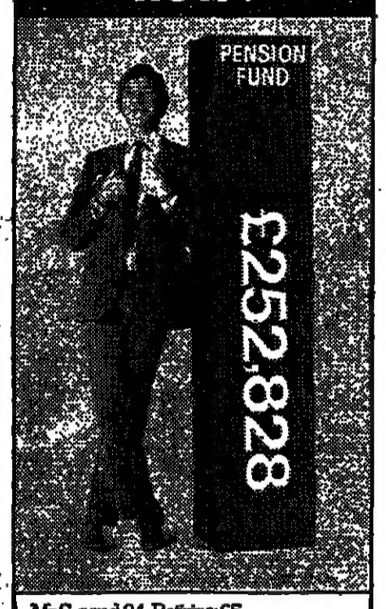

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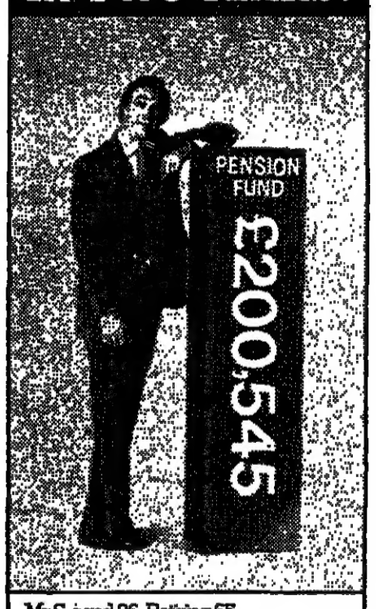

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Ambulancemen suspended over testimony

Three UDF leaders detained following attacks by Botha

From Patrick Laurence in Johannesburg

Three senior members of the United Democratic Front were detained by security police yesterday in the wake of attacks by the President, Mr P. W. Botha, on the UDF as an alleged "internal front" for the outlawed African National Congress and South African Communist party.

The three men are Mr "Terror" Lekota, publicity secretary of the UDF, Mr Popo Molefe, general secretary, and Mr Moss Chikane, a UDF activist. Mr Lekota and Mr Molefe are both members of the UDF national executive.

All three men are being held under section 29 of the Internal Security Act, which provides for solitary confinement and indefinite detention, their lawyers said yesterday. Police, however, merely confirmed that they were being held under "security laws."

Also yesterday, in Uitenhage, about eight miles from Port Elizabeth, three ambulance drivers who challenged the government version of how police killed 20 blacks last month were suspended from their government jobs, their superior said.

Testifying at a government inquiry into the killings, the superior said he suspended the two whites and a black because he said they "twisted" their testimony to discredit the ambulance service.

The detention of the three UDF members appears to relate to pending charges of treason against detainees from the Vaal Triangle, focal point of the township unrest late last year.

A police statement said: "Investigations are being conducted into the three detainees' involvement in cases arising from unrest in Vaal Triangle during August and September last year."

Between 16 and 20 Vaal Triangle detainees, one an Anglican priest, are due to appear in court soon on charges of treason relating to unrest in the area of last year, the Attorney-General for the Transvaal, Mr Don Brunette, said recently.

Another 16 people have been charged with treason in Durban, most are senior UDF members. They include six members of the last year's national executive. Two of the Durban treason trialists, Mrs Albertina Sisulu and Mr Archie Gumede, were reelected to the national executive over Easter.

Mr Lekota's and Mr Molefe's detention means that four of the 25 members of the new UDF are now detained. Mr Lekota, a former Robben Island prisoner, has spearheaded the campaign to organise mass demonstrations against the scheduled tour of South Africa by the New Zealand rugby team.

The UDF said yesterday: "It is striking that 'Terror' Lekota was detained so soon after the decision of the UDF to protest against the New Zealand rubgy tour. We see it as a reprisal against the UDF and Mr Lekota for challenging a symbol of Afrikaner culture."

Mr Justice Kannemeyer yesterday reprimanded the secretary of the Dias divisional council, Mr Nigel Anderson, for "deciding provisionally" that the men had made false statements to the commission. He added: "You have decided that what they said was twisted. The damage has been done. I can't expect other ambulancemen to testify freely if they are going to be judged by their seniors."

Southern Sudanese denounce cabinet

From Jonathan Steele in Khartoum

The choice of ministers for Sudans new civilian government has set back chances for and early end to the Civil war, according to political observers here.

Although the cabinet, which was announced on Monday, was largely drawn up by the alliance of political parties and professional associations which led the demonstrations before President Jafa'ar Numeiri's overthrow the three southerners were selected by the army.

..They are all men who served Mr Numeiri and their selection was angrily denounced yesterday by the organisation of southern Sudanese in Khartoum. The organisation closely sympathises with the Sudan Peoples Liberation Army, which has been waging war in the south for the last two years.

The 10 northerners in the cabinet are officialy independent of the parties. They include several businessmen and United States diplomats that seem satisfied that they will continue a broadly pro-American policy.

The Prime Minister is Dr El Gizouli Dafalla, the head of the doctors association which mounted several protests against Numeiri. The Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, Mr Awad Abdel Majeed, is described as a conservative economist who was Governor of the Bank of Sudan until the mid 1970s when he fell out with Mr Numeiri. He served on the board of Barclays Bank International in London for a year before coming back to run a business importing farm machinery.

Amin Makki Madani, the minister of Construction is a lawyer whose firm has represented the American Oil Company, Chevron, which was developing the oil reserves discovered in the south before the civil war forced them to stop.

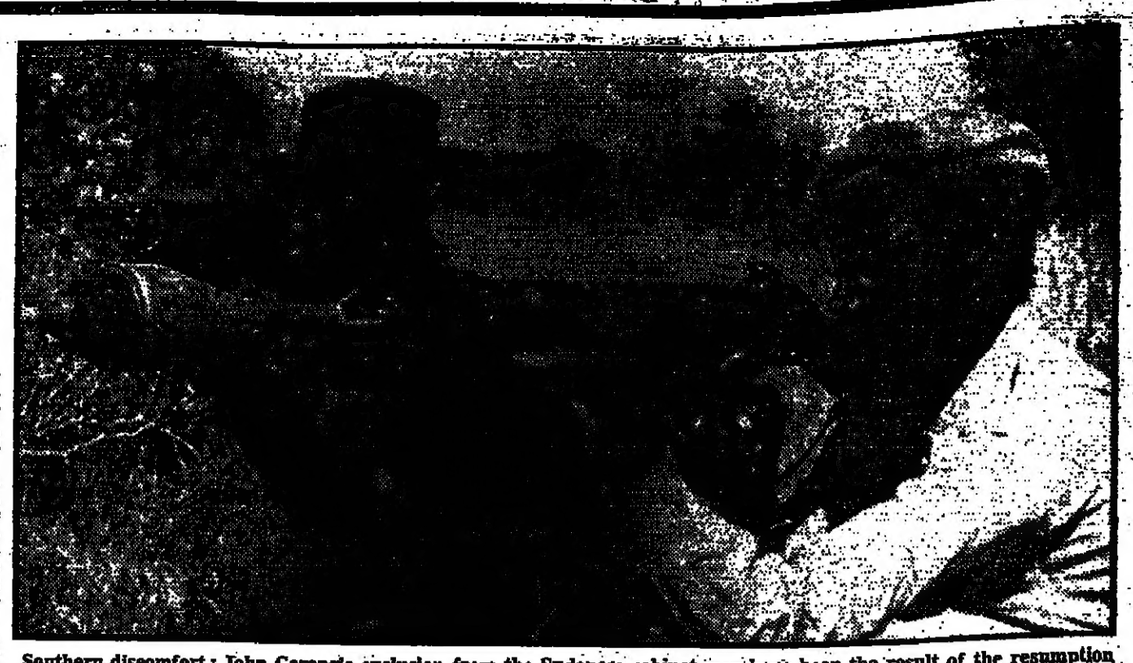
The new Foreign Minister, Ibrahim Taha Ayoub, is a career diplomat who was ambassador in Nairobi until yesterday. He became an outspoken critic of Mr Numeiri. Defence is in the hands of General Osman Abdullah Mohammed.

Most immediate interest has centred on the three southerners: Samuel Aru Pol, deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Irrigation, who was a member of the Political bureau of the Sudanese Socialist Union, the party which Mr Numeir created and which was the only real one; Peter Gatkouth, Minister of Transport, who was appointed by Mr Numeiri as head of a caretaker government in the south in 1980; and Oliver Albino, Minister of Public Service and Labour, a former minister in the south.

In announcing the cabinet on television, the chairman of the Transitional Military Council, General Abdel Rahman Swareddhab, said it would be responsible to the TMC for "executive and administrative tasks".

It would also "assist and lend advice". General Swareddahab and the binet would prepare for free and fair elections within a year.

Earlier suggestions that a cabinet place would be reserved for Colonel John Garang, the SPLA leader, have come to nothing.



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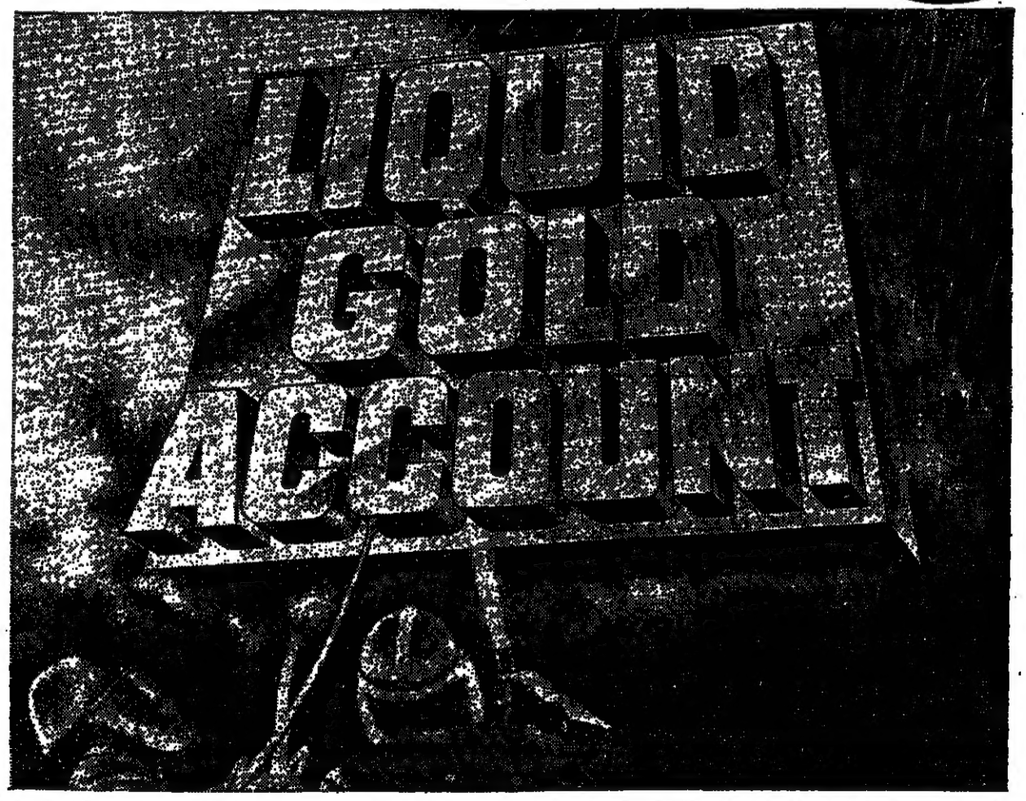

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Wellington gives police £1.5m for English rugby tour

By Michael Simmons

Concern that anti-apartheid demonstrations will disrupt the England rugby tour of New Zealand, which is due to start next month, is now such that Wellington has ear-marked NZ$4 million (about £1.5 million) for extra policing.

The demonstrations are thought highly likely as the tour will give the anti-apartheid lobby its last chance to make its views known before the New Zealand national team, the All Blacks, leaves for its proposed tour of South Africa in August. The Prime Minister, Mr David Lange, and other cabinet members have already said that they will lead anti-apartheid marches through Wellington and other cities.

Mr Lange has indicated his opposition to the New Zealand tour since he was elected last July, and only this month returned from an extensive tour of black Africa where he unequivocally told national leaders that he did not expect the tour to take place. He now has to reconcile the public wish to demonstrate, which he supports, with the government wish to maintain law and order.

Feelings are already running high about the New Zealand Rugby Union's plans to press ahead with its tour. In 1981, when it hosted a South African team, virtually every game was disrupted, and hundreds were arrested after violent clashes between police and demonstrators.

On that occasion, the level of protest was much higher than the Government had expected. Ministers now concede that there was "a very large number of complaints" against the police, and that social as well as political divisiveness, even within families, was among the unexpected results.

The government view now, which broadly coincides with that of the Halt All Racist Tours lobby, is that most New Zealanders will oppose the All Blacks tour. The England team's matches will give them an opportunity to confront the players with their point of view.

Ministers are already convinced, they say, that the cause of rugby — the main national sport in New Zealand — has been severely damaged. Several of the country's schools have switched from rugby to association football and some well-known coaches are seeking alternative outlets for their skills.

Rabat goes 'private'

Bordue :..The new centre-right Governmtnt plans to pursue a bold privatisation policy in an effort to overcome economic difficulties, the Prime Minister, Mr Mohamed Karim Lamrani, said.

In a statement to Parliament, on Monday he asid" somt economic sectors, Nationalised after independence from France in 1956, would be gradhally handed over to private enterprise.

The goverment coalition, named by King Hassan on April 11, envisaged "a bold policy of denationalisation to return to private enterprise everything that naturally belongs to it," he said.

Agriculture will be one of the first sectors involved and the 100,000 acres of French settler land, nationalised in 1973, are to be privatised. State firms will be rationalised to make them more productive.— Reuter.

Mass grave discovered

From David Bradshaw in Algiers

The bodies of 62 men women and childres many bearing signs of torture, have been found in a mass grave in eastern Algeria, official Algerian sources say.

They are believed to have been victims of a collective punishment inflicted by the French army during the Algerian war of independence. The mass grave was found this month at Chelgoum El Aid, in the Atlas mountains, 200 miles east of Algiers.

A local man made the discovery after seeing a skull and some bones. Excavations are still going on and the size of the grave is not yet clear.

Doctors say the bodies are mainly those of women, children, and old people. Some had had their hands chopped off. The ewperts date their deaths at between 1958 and 1960 — the middle of the bitter eight-year independence war.

Christian militia pull out of Sidon

SIDON: Christian militiamen yesterday pulled out of frontline positions near this southern city, where they have been battling army troops and Muslim and Palestinian fighters for the past month.

Lebanese security sources said men of the Christian Lebanese Forces withdrew from Sidon's eastern suburbs to Majdelyoun, a Christian village a few miles inland.

They were waiting for troops to take over the front lines before an expected evacuation by sea to Beirut sources said. Military sources in Sidon said the army would not move in until it could confirm that militiamen had left the area.

Sporadic shooting continued despite the Christian militia withdrawal and security sources said snipers killed two people and wounded three. Most of the firing was almed at Miyeh Miyeh, a Palestinian refugee camp just east of Sidon, they added.

More than 100 people have been killed and tens of thousands driven from their homes since sectarian fighting erupted in the Sidon area a month ago.

The leader of the Lebanese Forces, Samir Geagea, yesterday declared a unilateral ceasefire in Sidon. The mayor of Sidon, Ahmed Kalash, said yesterday the truce would be successful only if all Christian militiamen left the area.

Muslim leaders met in Damascus to try to ease tension from lest week's fighting in Beirut in which Shi-ite Muslim and Druze forces routed the Sunni Muslim Murabitoun militia.

● Lebanese Muslim leaders talked in Damascus with the Syrian Vice President, Abdel-Halim Khaddam, yesterday to try to heal a split caused by last week's factional fighting in West Beirut. — Reuter.

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And the Beat goes on

Behind the jacket and tie, Allen Ginsberg, poet-prophet of the 50s and 60s, has lost none of his radical fury. Nicholas de Jongh reports

THE BEAT GENERATION'S International Visionary, whose Howl in the mid-1950s was heard across astonished continents, the Hippie's Hero Incarnate, the Flower Children's apostle of Bliss — and mind-changing substances — is a very middle-aged gentleman now.

Can this really be Allen Ginsberg, the man and voice who launched a hundred outrages, deported from Cuba and Prague, who went from Poland to Primrose Hill with his poetry? He sits unnoticed in the restaurant: that straggling hair which fell below the shoulder line is almost classically kempt now. The luxuriant beard cultivated like a halo has almost been trimmed away. He wears collar and jacket to the formal manner born.

Tomorrow the collected Allen Ginsberg, from 1947-1980, is published over here, a huge volume of some 800 pages, encased in a cover so sedate and sober that it would not be out of place for a volume of episcopal reminiscences.

But who goes for straight appearances now? The Allen Ginsberg under the skin is quite unchanged by time. In the 1940s Ginsberg saw himself as some later heir of Blake, Whitman and, perhaps, Ezra Pound. And right from his poetic beginnings until today (and the significant fact of being collected between hard covers) Ginsberg has lived a public life; little or nothing has been left private or hidden.

"The problem," he says, "was always to break down the barrier between the public and the private. Authoritarian governments thrive on secrecy, blackmail and intimidation. If poetry can include our actual lives and reveal the secrets of how we live, that would be a bulwark against the fascists."

Whatever criticisms may be made of Ginsberg as a poet, anyone leafing through this new record of his years will be struck by the consistency of his writing: those lamentations for an America of fierce wars, materialism and repressions; those pleas for spontaneity of emotions and an uninhibited record of his own (gay) life.

"Fascists and authoritarians right and left thrive on censorship, particularly on censorship of emotion and sex. If you have nothing to be blackmailed about, you are free to criticise the state." The Ginsberg private voice is quiet, schoolmasterly; and it's hard to imagine it reaching the exultant, lurid cries and incantations of his poetry reading style, as he expresses his conviction that candour should be the chief characteristic of the American poet.

Whitman he says could not be so in the days of certain loves which could not speak their name. And it is only in this definitive volume that even Ginsberg has finally published his Many Loves, which the dust jacket primly describes as "an erotic rhapsody" hitherto withheld "for reasons of prudence and modesty."

Ginsberg, looking back on his own sexual forays reckons that his do not emerge as "much different from straight loves." Right from his teens he owned up sexually to that begetter of the throwaway phrase "The Beat Generation" — Jack Kerouac. Kerouac, a heterosexual to his fingertips, groaned and accepted. It was no issue or matter for criticism, though interestingly, Ginsberg uses the word "tolerant" to describe Kerouac's response to his teenage confession.

Neal Cassady, Beat Generation hero and the subject-matter of Many Loves, although basically heterosexual, was more accommodating as Ginsberg's occasional partner through 18 years.

Any talk of sexuality leads Ginsberg straight into an attack upon what he describes as Stalinist authoritarians. His poetry has always been liberal in its condemnation of communism and capitalism. The right wing, he thinks, claim to be creating a free market but they end up centralising government bureaucracies and "invoking greater and greater police powers."

In England and America he detects the imposition of "Stalinist" administrative rules. Stalinism and capitalism exist in his view in a "sympathetic symbiosis," with the British Prime Minister branded as having "the morals of a Stalinist."

But if both Britain and America have succumbed to the right wing Ginsberg is not depressed ny these ideological shifts. He is and has been for years a Buddhist who accepts things as they are who revels in the fact that individual response and effort in the face of things is the worthwhile good, in a world of transient things and no fixed points of reference.

If this sounds more serene than the Ginsberg we remember from two decades ago then perhaps that is not accident. He may not have changed for example in his fundamental attitude to opiates or mind changing drugs but perhaps a sort of revisionism is at work.

He reminds one first that the Ginsberg who wrote Howls was not some sort of wild and depraved Beatnik (the "nik" suffix was added by a San Francisco columnist in the age of the Russian sputnik) but a solid working fellow, who has been in market research.

He still smokes grass, though he does not carry the substance, and is more interested in the principle of legislation than in using the drug himself in preference to alcohol. He stresses that he never acquired the fatal habit of heroin addiction and warns potential addicts that within the space of only two weeks the body becomes dependent on the stuff and dangerous changes take place in the metabolism. And he has cautionary words on acid as well.

Today's Ginsberg looks forward to the next six years in which he has been commissioned to write some six books. It will earn him about $20,000, about half the salary of an American university professor. From the mid-60s until 1980 he was mainly living on the money he earned from poetry readings the world over.

Ginsberg has been a fabulous traveller in more than one sense — published in Izvestia, revered in China where he says that Howl has been taken as a comment on their own age of ideological agony. But during his period of greatest fame he calculates that he was only earning about half the salary of a high school teacher.

Fame may have been the spur which kept him going. But it was a special sort of craving. He wants converts with all the fervour of our own Prime Minister. I still fancy that he will win more the world over.

Tomorrow Allen Ginsberg reads in Covent garden Piazza, and on Friday at 1.0 in the seminar room at the Institute of Contemporary Arts, he is in conversation with R. D. Laing and will be reading from his poems.

● *Allen Ginsberg Collected Poems 1947-1980 Viking, £16.95.*

OWNING UP: A sedate and sober Allen Ginsberg. Picture by Allan Titmuss

Edward Greenfield on how video can affect the quality of new recordings

Outlook clear, clouding over

IT IS a sign of the times that the most prestigious new recordings by Herbert von Karajan are now geared very closely to video projects. If that means more listeners for great music, I am all in favour. I begin to worry when the quality of sound is affected for the worse, and there are signs of that happening both in the new cycle of Beethoven symphonies, which Karajan has been recording with the Berlin Philharmonic, and also in his new recording of Verdi's Requiem with the Vienna Philharmonic (DG 451 091-2GH two CDs).

With video in mind Karajan's mode of recording now involves longer and longer takes, which with performances so meticulously rehearsed is all to the good, but the engineers have an even trickier time than before. Where in this powerful and warmly expressive performance of the Verdi the orchestra and soloists are generally well-focussed, the full choral ensemble in the great outbursts of the Dies Irae becomes a vague cloud of sound behind the rest.

Karajan's earlier Berlin recording of the Verdi Requiem, less dramatic and intense than the new one, was comparably marred by distant choral sound, but there at least the placing was clear. You might argue that with video to help precise placing is unnecessary. But that is to cancel out one of the important advantages of CD, which makes recorded sound more specific than ever before.

If you compare the new Karajan recording of the Dies Irae on CD with the brilliant CD transfer of the version which Sir Georg Solti recorded in 1967 (also with the Vienna Philharmonic). (Decca 411 944-2DH two CDs) the extra impact is extraordinary with every strand far clearer and the chorus full and powerful. With Joan Sutherland, Marilyn Horne, Luciano Pavarotti and Martti Talvela an outstanding team of soloists Solti's colourful, extrovert reading will for many remain the first choice.

Karajan's reading is more measured, more devotional. Where in his earlier Berlin account the slow speeds, smoothly polished lines and sumptuous textures sounded self-conscious, diminishing the intensity, the concentration this time is irresistible with an exceptionally well-matched quartet of soloists, all of them favourite singers of Karajan, Anna-Tomowa-Sintow, Agnes Baltsa, José Carreras and José van Dam.

As recorded van Dam's relatively lightweight bass comes over superbly in Mors stupebit, tense with wonder and apprehension, while similarly the clean projection of Baltsa makes up for any limitation in lower registers. Tomowa-Sintow here gives one of the warmest, most powerful performances she has ever recorded with the upper register firm and rounded. As for the choral sound the Vienna State Opera Chorus, which forms a nucleus, fares rather better than the Sofia National Opera Chorus.

The latest instalment in Karajan's new Beethoven series couples the symphonies Nos 4 and 7 on a single CD (DG 415 121-2GH), a generous coupling that brings out the striking structural qualities that those works have in common, each with a long, slow introduction, an extended scherzo and a moto perpetuo finale. This time Karajan's readings are generally a degree more relaxed than before, usually at speeds a degree slower, allowing more spring in the rhythms.

The result is more joy but less electricity, and the less well-defined sound quality of the video-associated recording blurs the edges a little further. For example the dactyllic rhythms at the start

Von Karajan: More devotional

of the Allegretto of No.7 are barely identifiable in the first few bars. These shortcomings are only relative, and anyone wanting Karajan versions on CD should be well-pleased, though you have only to go to Ashkenazy's excellent version of the Seventh with the Philharmonia to appreciate the benefit of well-balanced Beethoven sound (Decca 411 941-2DH).

The quality of sound which Karajan and the Berlin Philharmonic received from the engineers in the days before video and before the difficult acoustic of the Philharmonie in Berlin made extra problems, comes out in some excellent CD transfers of Mahler symphonies, originally recorded in the Seventies.

Both the symphonies now issued — No. 5 coupled with Christa Ludwig singing Kindertotelieder (415 096-2 two CDs) and No. 6 coupled with Ludwig singing the Rückertlieder (415 099-2 two CDs) — are among the finest, most intense and refined Mahler performances on record, and the extra precision of CD makes them all the more powerful. You can get Solti in No. 5 on a single CD (Decca 414 321-2DH), but Karajan's is the more searching reading.

Scratch team

Tom Sutcliffe reviews King Priam at Covent Garden

THE Royal Opera is celebrating Michael Tippett's 80th year with an indifferently rehearsed revival of the 23-year-old Sam Wanamaker staging of King Priam. It seems very much a Fifties period piece now, with its bare Sean Kenny sets, its garish Greek costumes and all those Max Factored naked thighs.

Tippett's premieres were all at Covent Garden, but it's surprising — now that Opera Factory and Kent have demonstrated fresh and exciting convincing approaches to the problem of staging both Priam and not Garden — that the Royal Opera couldn't bother to take a new look at this work.

An odd way of celebrating, too, when the conductor Elgar Howarth, is given no section rehearsals, has the scheduled rehearsal time cut, and finds his opening night orchestra have spent the entire day on recording sessions with Richard Bonynge.

I thought Howarth's conducting very stilted and lacking in the kind of musical drive that Roger Norrington so thrillingly achieved with Kent Opera. The tutti helter-skelter string parts were breathless and scratchy — but no wonder. It's all credit to the score that, even lamentably under-prepared, it can make its excitements felt. Both the fanfares and the scrunchy anguish managed to register.

There were some impressive newcomers (ten years after the show was last revived here) led by the marvellously incisive Hermes of Deon van der Walt. "Divine go-between, that's who I am," which is one of Tippett's funnier camp lines, does not lose its risible quality even when so finely sung.

I was sorry incidentally, that some of the old comic chestnuts have been bowdlerised: "Prince Hector will want his bath" has become, "Prepare things for Prince Hector." You shouln't try to clean up Tippett's quaint colloquialisms.

Kim Begley makes a vocally strong Achilles, though not quite heroic enough for the war-cry. Hugh Hetherington impressed as the Young Guard. The women, led by Felicity Palmer's blood-curdling Andromachex and Anne Howells's alluring and luscious Helen, were very good. Robin Leggate makes a suitably effete but ringing Paris, taking over from the excellent boy Paris of Nicholas Sililtoe. A pity that Alexander Malta's Priam is so superficial.

TELEVISION

Hugh Hebert

House Of Lords

LORD HOME has not always been lucky with his timing, or his sense of public relations — he was, you remember, the only thing that came between 12 years of Conservative rule and six years of Labour, and he didn't manage to keep them very far apart. And there were all those matchsticks and something to do with holding Chamberlain's umbrella while the old chap signed an agreement.

Yesterday afternoon when, as he said himself, he had got his timing perfect, he was robbed again. Trailed as the man to open the Lords debate on Soviet intervention in other countries' affairs, with BBC-2 cleared of all competition, he was presented with the opportunity to shine when the government threw out a few more Russian spooks. He was, after all, the man who as Foreign Secretary threw out dozens of Communist diplomats at one go in the early 1970s.

As it turned out — they call it scheduling — his competition from Channel Four was Princess Anne coming fourth in her very first horse race; and on BBC-1 the quarter-finals of world snooker.

At Epsom, the veteran of all that eventing was the merest novice. "That's one of the things she said she found difficult," said the commentator, "being given a leg up." You sat goggling, and expected that she might be flown into the saddle by chopper instead, but she managed it.

And having got into the saddle stayed there while the Lords drowsed through questions awaiting the big event; the moment when Lord Home too would leap into the saddle. But I suspect that those noble Lords not actually on camera missed it anyway, pleading urgent business and probably watching Princess Anne explain her six weeks' training.

By a piece of gross indulgence — he allowed a peer more than his ration of supplementaries — Lord Whitelaw tried to hang out the moments. But he couldn't quite prevent the conflict between the Crown and the barons.

As Lord Home rose, the Princess was still at it, smiling and telling us how she prepared for this climactic moment, and the noble Lord, never a man to upstage royalty, dismissed himself from the contest in the most gentlemanly way. He read out his motion. So that we could all breathe again and switch over to snooker.

ALLURING: Anne Howells as Helen at Covent Garden. Picture by Douglas Jeffery

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Kenneth Rea

Balinese Dance

THE Saba Sari dancers and musicians, touring Britain for Arts Worldwide, have an enchanting programme that clearly shows why Bali has one of the most exciting dance forms in the world It should not be missed.

The magic works from the moment the first dancer appears, glittering with gold, eyes flashing, fingers bent back and quivering, his body movements as crisp as an insect's, now rising to his toes in war-like stance, now pressing into the ground, with his knees spread wide.

A Saba villager's pride is the delicate Legong. This dance drama, performed by three young girls, is one of the most beautiful in all Bali. It is characterised by swooping, swaying movements, emphasised by the arched bodies of the girls, tightly bound with gold brocade.

But the greatest fascination comes from the Sendratari, a more tourist-orientated drama that wheels out the most popular aspect of Balinese dance without actually losing authenticity. There are masked clowns, whose chatter is interspersed with snatches of English and fragments of dance in which they parody their masters.

Two masked demons, with wild eyes, menacing smiles, and absurdly long finger-nails, meditate to destroy heaven. But the goddess appears, seductively stroking their hair until they lose concentration and fight a lover's duel over her.

The hilarity of this combat is capped by the breathtaking appearance of the Barong, a teeth-snapping, sway-backed, glittering picture that occupies nearly the whole stage as it defeats the witch Rangda. It was a climax that rightly had a capacity audience cheering.

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Meirion Bowen

Davis/Mahler

THERE is always something exhilarating about the one or two performances we are allowed each year of Mahler's 8th Symphony. It isn't just seeing such a huge array of performers in action, or experiencing the sheer weight of vocal and orchestral sonority. Rather, it produces an awareness that we too can join the composer in leaving behind the realms of darkness inhabited by his previous symphonies, and briefly share in a mood of creative self-confidence

This was certainly the case in this account of the work conducted by Sir Colin Davis. Its opening setting of the hymn, Veni, Creator Spiritus, sprinted along. The result was a clarity of vocal texture and rhythmic alertness that removed any hint of squareness in the patterning of the phrases.

Davis drew from the LSO the kind of sparkling detail we normally associate with the Berlioz of the Queen Mab scherzo. May be one has heard louder and more imposing perorations, but this movement achieved the right perspective — a joyous, late romantic counterpart to the fervant outpourings of Bach's motets.

The synthesis of symphonic and dramatic techniques employed in the second part, a setting of the closing scene of Goethe's Faust, allow conductors plenty of scope for variation in emphasis. Davis's reading was perhaps closer to Goethe than to Mahler as such: often one became aware of echoes of The Magic Flute

High quality choral singing — sectional as well as enmasse — provided by the BBC Symphony Chorus, Brighton Festival Chorus, LSO Chorus, and boys of King's College, Wimbledon, kept a capacity audience concentrated on this gradually unfolding ritual, culminating in its final affirmation of the power of love.

THORNBURY

David Foot

Fascinating Aida

THORNBURY Arts Festival works hard, within its financial constraints, to keep its base broad and its varied supporters happy. Fascinating Aida's appearance has been a sell-out and no one should be surprised. In a relatively short time these three girls, mischievously melodic, have become unquestionably the best of their kind.

If they are eventually a cabaret act, they still embraced the large functional Armstrong Hall at Thornbury with a measure of intimacy, enhanced by the way they wandered among us in good humoured self-parody during the interval. They are sophisticated and intelligent performers with a style that is up, middle, and low market.

Their material, during which they send up the privileged and repeatedly themselves, is always sharp. Satire, as such, is minimal though they dare suddenly to slip in a more poignant anti-Thatcher piece of melancholic melody.

Fascinating Aida are girls of markedly contrasting builds and persona. They can harmonise particularly well; they poke fun at a range of female complexes and offer genuinely valid insight into, for instance, loneliness as in "Saturday on your own."

Their strength, quite apart from the songs and the figures—all well accompanied—is that they are natural performers. They project their comedy, their sly digs, and their character studies with the skill of actors.

CONCERT DATES

Menuhin/ECO/Tallis Chamber Choir, Barbican, tonight 7.45. To celebrate his 69th birthday Menuhin is directing a Bach series. The B minor Mass provides tonight's climax, with Alison Hargen, Mira Zakai, Martyn Hill and John Shirley-Quirk as soloists.

Shirai/Holl, Wigmore, tomorrow 7.30. Mitsuko Shirai from Japan, one of the most perceptive of young liedersingers, in Haydn (English Canzonettas), Schumann, Schoenberg and Berg. Her accompanist is the outstanding Hartmut Holl.

Bishop-Kovacevich, Elizabeth Hall, Sunday 3.0. The greatest of Schubert's late sonatas, the B flat D960, with Bartok's Out of Doors suite and Chopin nocturnes, mazurkas and the barcarolle.

Skrowaczewski / Halle / Ax, Festival Hall, Monday 7.30. Shostakovich's tenth symphony coupled with Emanuel Ax in Chopin's piano concerto No. 2.

Rowicki/RPO/Fischer, Festival Hall, Tuesday 7.30. **Davis / LSO / Bishop-Kovacevich**, Barbican Tuesday 7.45. Rival performances of Beethoven's piano concerto No. 1 with the veteran Annie Fischer on the South Bank, Bishop-Kovacevich at the Barbican. Rowicki and the RPO also offer Petrushka, Sir Colin Davis and the LSO Berlioz's Symphonie Fantastique.

Wilson-Johnson/Emma Johnson, St John's, Sunday 7.30. In aid of St Christopher's Hospice, the baritone David Wilson-Johnson is giving a joint recital with Emma Johnson the clarinettist who was BBC Young Musician of the Year. Wilson-Johnson sings Schubert and a new song by Michael Berkeley to 16th century words. Emma Johnson plays Brahms' E flat clarinet sonata and Debussy's first rhapsody.

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Mr Meacher in sunshine and shadow

Mr Michael Meacher has had a difficult week. First, Labour's social services spokesman produced a new tax and benefits package for discussion which, because it dared to suggest the replacement of mortgage interest tax relief, was rubbished by most of Fleet Street, disowned by the Labour right and seized upon with still undiminished glee by the Government from Mrs Thatcher down. Then Mr Meacher put his name to the jobs plans of the all-party Employment Institute, provoking, it is said, resignation threats from the Shadow Employment Minister, Mr John Prescott, and causing Mr Eric Heffer to dump a bucketful of verbal solids on his head for the second time in seven days. In Monday's Commons social security debate, Mr Meacher reiterated his tax and benefits schemes, thereby ensuring that it would be the Opposition's not the Government's, policies which would scoop yesterday's parliamentary headlines. It doesn't say a lot for Mr Meacher's tactical skills. It could all put his base in the party at some risk.

Yet before Easter, Mr Meacher was the flavour of the month with the Labour leadership. Ever since his unsuccessful deputy leadership bid against Mr Roy Hattersley two years ago, Michael Meacher has moved carefully towards the Kinnock fold. Along with Mr David Blunkett and Mr Tom Sawyer, he forms part of a group of penitent erstwhile Bennites on the national executive who provide an important left-wing buttress to the centre-right majority around Mr Kinnock. Mr Hattersley has not signed a peace treaty with Mr Meacher yet. But Mr Kinnock and his acolytes are full of praise for him. Even after the fracas about mortgage interest tax relief last week, Mr Kinnock appears to have been much less cross with Mr Meacher in private than some reports have suggested.

So where do the events of the last week and a half now leave our battered hero and, more important, the things that he stands for? In this regard, the embarrassment (if embarrassment it be) of involvement in the all-party jobs initiative is likely to be short-lived. After all, Mr Meacher is not alone in the Shadow Cabinet in backing the Employment Institute. But the package of tax and benefits changes is another matter. Whatever Mr Kinnock's private soothings, he has done nothing publicly to support the ideas. That makes political sense if you believe that Labour's only route back to government is through the avoidance of political controversy. Mr Kinnock has consistently tried to move Labour towards realistic electoral commitments and to break with the scary monsters of the Benn era. That is the correct instinct for a party which, even today, faces an exceptionally serious electoral challenge before it can bid for power. But there are certain stubborn issues, of which reform of social security is a very major one, on which any alternative government must have alternative policies. And if it aims to be a radical alternative then it makes no long-term sense to run for cover as soon as someone mentions the words mortgage tax reform.

Yet that is what Mr Kinnock is doing over the Meacher plans. It needs to be repeated that these plans are not official policy and that nobody except their enemies has ever said otherwise. Undoubtedly the plans were released in an amateurish way. The impact of the package as a whole, not just of the mortgage tax component, upon specimen households in various income bands should have been calculated, so that people would know how they would be affected. And the total cost in public expenditure terms should have been prepared; at present the gross estimates range from £6.8 billion to Mr Norman Fowler's claim of £15 billion, though the net cost would be considerably less. Yet, even with all these qualifications, Mr Meacher's substantive ideas point unequivocally in the right direction. It is right, from a rational point of view, that mortgage relief along with all other personal taxes, allowances and benefits, should be counted in when reform is contemplated. It is right, from a redistributive point of view, that it should be replaced by a fairer and less regressive housing subsidy system. Mr Fowler is about to unveil a system which will intensify existing inequalities by, among other things, major reductions in housing benefit expenditure and abolishing supplementary benefit awards for mortgage payments. The Opposition must not respond to Mr Fowler's green paper by simply defending the shambolic status quo. They must have an alternative. Mr Meacher is trying to provide one. Mr Kinnock should support that effort, not disown it.

The embassy carousel

As London and Moscow boost airline revenues sending home each other's diplomats tit-for-tat, the British Government has concluded that there is not much to be done about diplomatic transgressions. Yesterday's White Paper on diplomatic immunities and privileges adds nothing to the report of the parliamentary Foreign Affairs Committee in January. But the Government accepts most of the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee and, try as we might, we can see no useful additional measure against abuse of diplomatic status which would not rebound adversely on our own diplomats in sensitive posts. The current row with the Russians proves the point, even though it is not much more than a storm in a samovar.

Diplomats are licensed gatherers of information about their host country, protected by the 1961 Vienna Convention which, quite rightly in a dangerous and violent world, brooks no interference with diplomatic immunity. Many missions contain members of the sending country's intelligence service. It is up to the Foreign Office and the Security Service to spot such people and to move against them when they cross the invisible line between legitimate curiosity and outright espionage. Even though we have not been told what the expelled Russians got up to, previous experience make us pretty confident that they must have gone over the top. Happily the Convention does not require the expelling government to give any reason for declaring a diplomat persona non grata. In the end that is by far our best defence against dubious envoys. But we may also be certain that the KGB still has plenty of agents left here to carry on the great work of spying on the Brits. We know, they know we know, and we know they know we know. (Just as we have agents in Russia, they know we have agents there — and so on).

The trick is to maintain, and in our case to increase, vigilance towards the dodgier foreign missions in London. The embassies of the Soviet Union and its allies are a special problem, not only because they represent an opposed ideology but also because of the ancient Russian appetite for infinite information. We may be sure that the KGB gets the vast majority of its information on Britain, for what it is worth, from published sources of the kind Soviet censorship suppresses in advance back home. The sheer bulk of information on offer in an open society must make a KGB man's mouth water on arrival but is very likely to give him severe mental indigestion before long. It is not what you find out, even by suborning moles, that counts, but what you correctly identify as important, and what you then do with it. Hard though it may be for a congenitally secretive governmental system like ours to accept this, one of the best insurances of our security lies in the very mass of public information available to the bemused foreign observer. The Government's determination to apply the Convention as strictly as possible is probably enough, if alertness can be sustained, to deal with an often overstated problem. When in doubt, chuck 'em out — so long as one is prepared to accept the usually entirely predictable consequences.

Two motors ticking over

Nissan's agreement with the AUEW for single union representation at the plants now under construction at Washington, Tyne and Wear may turn out to be a turning point for British motor manufacturing, leapfrogging over many of the typecast ingredients of the British disease. One canteen, one overall for all staff, uniform working conditions and holidays, single union, no job demarcation, decision-making works councils and as near as anyone dare say aloud, a no-strike agreement. Of course, as Arthur Scargill reminded us recently, an industrial union is not, of itself, a guarantee of industrial peace. But the Japanese have an impressive track record in this country of transcending the class attitudes which have bedevilled continuity of production.

It is a bit late to argue that motor manufacturing in the UK should never have reduced itself to the stage where imports account for nearly 60 per cent of the market and the industry's balance of payments (imports less exports) has swung to a deficit of £2.3 billion last year from a surplus of £1.6 billion in 1976. That is where we are now. Even successful corporations (in terms of profitability) like Ford (UK) still record a negative balance of payments despite efforts to source more from inside Britain. New entrants like Sinclair have found the going . . . well, a little bit more difficult than they thought. British Leyland — with under 20 per cent of the market, that is half of what it had 15 years ago — has disappointed the hopes of its supporters. But at least it is still there. Whatever it cost to rescue BL was less than the cost, in terms of unemployment pay and foregone output, of not saving it. Now British Leyland too, through its growing links with Honda, is seeking a Japanese solution.

Those in the industry who see the growth of Japanese production facilities here as a Trojan horse are partly right and partly wrong. Wrong because, if the Trojan horse did not come to this country, it would assuredly have gone somewhere else in Europe where it would have been an even greater threat since it would be exporting into Britain instead of, as now planned, exporting out and replacing pesent imports. But right in that, if UK manufacturers do not respond to the new Japanese challenge (as General Motors has in the US by changing over to Japanese techniques), then they will lose an even bigger share of the dwindling UK market. The main threat will come not with phase one of the Nissan plans (assembling kits from Japan) but with the more ambitious second stage producing upwards of 100,000 cars a year. Nissan — and there is no reason to doubt their goodwill — hopes that 70 or 80 per cent will be of "local" content. Strictly speaking "local" means Common Market, but competitive UK firms will get the first bite.

It is now up to British component firms (already enjoying a minor resurgence in terms of their contribution to the balance of payments) to improve efficiency further by hitching themselves to Nissan's expansion. But the Government — which played a creditable role in attracting Nissan here — also has a role to make sure that BL is not starved of funds just when it needs to brace itself for the Japanese challenge. The Government is forcing BL to sell off subsidiaries which are profitable, but it appears reluctant to sanction an extra £200 million of investment which the company regards as necessary. It is one thing to encourage Japanese investment in the UK. But quite another to make it even easier by pulling the rug from under the feet of our main domestically owned manufacturer.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A sour note on Handel

Sir—Many of Professor H. C. Robbins Landon's comments on Handel's Vespers music as quoted by Michael Morris ("Handel discovery causes discord among experts; April 18) are silly. If there is any gnashing of teeth among the "Handelian establishment" (who they?) it is probably because of Professor Landon's disinclination to separate fact from fantasy.

All Handel lovers are surely delighted that manuscripts containing two previously inaccessible antiphon settings have been found at Milan and at Manchester, and there is no question that the Manchester collection owned by Mr Peter Plummer is of great value and importance.

Perhaps Professor Landon is covering up a little gnashing of his own, having instituted a project to publish a compilation called "Handel's Roman Vespers" without making a preliminary announcement or even a few private enquiries, and hence failing to take account of new research. (The existence of the Milan manuscripts was known to Handel scholars in 1983 and news of Mr Plummer's discovery was circulating at least six months before Professor Landon's team at Cardiff chanced to hear of it early last November.)

Handel certainly wrote five pieces for the 1707 Roman festival of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, but if normal practices were being followed they would have been spread over three different services (the newly found antiphons for First Vespers—held on the eve of the feast; a motet for mass; and two psalms for Second Vespers).

No evidence exists to support the suggestion that two pieces composed earlier by Handel (the psalm Dixit Dominus and the antiphon Salve Regina were also used on this occasion. Even if all seven pieces are counted and assumed to belong to one service, the group does not in itself constitute a Vespers. The reference to Dixit dominus as a "cornwall" piece is perhaps only a Graundiadism for "choral"; but could it be that Professor Landon has found Handel's long-lost Arthurian Vespers?—Yours faithfully,

Anthon Hicks,
London W5.

Concepts of freedom that may break the NCCL

Sir,—Hugo Young (Guardian, April 22) asks the wrong question. What "the left," the NCCL, and indeed all of us have to decide is not primarily how much liberty to believe in, but what sort of liberty to advocate. Mr Young's criticism of the NUM's failure to observe "basic" libertarian principles and his recommendation that the NCCL should show a "commitment to a political principles" is so much utopian sophistry. Such a stance is, moreover, overtly political. Liberty is not a neutral commodity that may be quantified. It is merely an ideological creation.

The debate about liberty has involved a confusion of means and ends, theory and practice, and propaganda and ideology. For the liberal—and, perhaps, the liberal conservative—individual liberty is an end in itself, requiring no justification, existing as an absolute. Actions seeking to make that ideal more accessible and realistic are rejected should they violate traditional and exclusively possessed freedoms.

Individual liberty is desirable to the socialist also. However, since freedom implies choice and choice implies opportunity, for the socialist a redistribution of opportunity — achieved through collective action—is a prerequisite to individual liberty. Collective action which may at times impunge on the nebulous and generally unexercisable ideals of libertarianism, is a necessary means to achieve the higher end of genuine freedom—an equality of freedom. Such is the ideological debate.

The concept of a neutral, basic, apolitical liberty is, then, the product of a creative imagination, like the painting that is observed but not touched, admired but not wanted, that intrigued but was never understood. Is the problem of liberty an academic question, or still worse, a question for academics? Certainly not. In everyday life, in the political arena the conflict continues. It is not a struggle for a desirable quantity of freedom but between different concepts of freedom. This is the tension with the NCCL which threatens to burst it asunder.—Yours sincerely,

Dexter Dias,
Collingwood College,
University of Durham.

Sir, — Melissa Benn and her co-signatories ("Civil Liberties on the block," Guardian, April 19) are individuals who have made substantial contributions to the work of the National Council for Civil Liberties. However, their view that the interim report of the NCCL-established inquiry into the policing of the miners' dispute, of which I am a member, went well beyond its agreed terms of reference requires argument not mere assertion.

The terms of reference of the inquiry do indeed focus attention on the role of the police, the police authorities and the criminal courts. Members of the inquiry have to defend them against those who have argued that they were intended to bias the inquiry towards an exclusive condemnation of the police and ought to have included explicit mention of allegations of violence by those engaged in the dispute.

We have had no difficulty making that defence in good conscience, and the interim report made clear our position.

Allegations regarding the actions of the police and the machinery of criminal justice, as those of public agencies invested with the authority of the community, are proper matters for an inquiry. Allegations regarding the actions of private individuals or organisations are a matter for law enforcement, and not for such an inquiry.

But our terms of reference refer to establishing "the fullest possible account and the civil liberties implications of the role of the police . . . in the events arising from and relating to the NUM dispute."

There is no disagreement that these events included violence by the police and by those engaged in the dispute. To say this is not to equate them, and we made clear that our final report would need to consider the chronology of cause and effect. It is also necessary, within the terms of reference, to take a view both on whether and when the police had a public duty and a civil liberties responsibility to enable picket, and on whether and when the police had a public duty and a civil liberties responsibility to enable working miners to travel to work.

Our interim report thus stated the obvious in saying that "the police do not act in a vacuum, and any sensible examination of the policing of the strike must take fully into acount the circumstances which have shaped the context of police actions and their objectives."

Around these issues, there may be disagreements both regarding the balance of evidence and regarding the proper application of civil liberties principles. But there is no serious case for asserting that to consider them was or is to exceed the inquiry's terms of reference. — Yours sincerely,

Ian Martin,
22 Sidney Square,
London E1.

After Lebanon Israel still treads the path of peace

Sir,—Michael Adams correctly reports (Agenda, April 22) that there has been much criticism in Israel of the Lebanon war. He is wrong, though, to conclude that this represents a fundamental shift in Israeli thinking on wider issues.

Critics of the war are themselves divided. Some were opposed to action in Lebanon of any kind; others say the aims of the war were fully justified, but that the operation was badly conceived and badly executed.

Then, those who criticise the war are doing just that and little more. They hold a variety of opinions on other matters, such as the West Bank, and there is no evidence that among the critics there has been any convergence of views on these issues.

Most important, though, is whether the Lebanon war affected Israel's attitude towards peace. For years now, Israel's Labour Party has declared its readiness to negotiate with *anyone* who genuinely recognises Israel and wants peace. When asked if this includes the Palestine Liberation Organisation, the answer has invariably been that if the PLO renounces terror and its declared aim of destroying Israel then it will not be "the same" PLO— implying thereby that the Palestinians and the PLO do have room for manoeuvre.

More explicity, Prime Minister Peres has recently called for a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation to negotiate with Israel. He has declared that while this should not include known PLO activists, there is no barrier to him meeting with any Palestinians and, further, that they can propose any solutions they choose.

In short, Israel's offers to negotiate peace have long been on the table—and still are.—Yours faithfully,

Barry Shenker,
Britain/Israel Public Affairs Committee,
126/134 Baker Street,
London W1.

Sir,—You are correct in believing that the Lebanon is in a condition of imminent disintegration, but the remedy you imply in your remarks, (Leader, April 18) hardly bear examination.

You have shown remarkable consistency in trouncing Israel for its desire to retain control over a strip of Lebanese territory for the safety of its people, but you appear to think that Syria has a prescriptive right to the whole of the Lebanon. Why, then, are the various factions in the Lebanon conducting an internecine civil war amongst themselves?—Yours sincerely,

J. L. Handeles,
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Miscellany on the beat

Sir, — The ingenuity of the Metropolitan Police force in deflecting attention away from their appalling detection rate should not go unchallenged.

In Sir Kenneth Newman's 1985 report, we learnt that there had been a 14 per cent increase in the clear-up rate for burglary. This rather peculiar statistical manoeuvre disguised the fact that the clear-up rate had increased from 9 per cent to 10 per cent. Now, Sir Kenneth Newman claims, in his address to the International Fire Security, and Safety Exhibition that the clear-up rate has increased by 23 per cent (Guardian, April 16).

This claim is clearly not based on the 1984 figures so where does it come from? Does Sir Kenneth mean that the Metropolitan Police now fail to clear up only 89 per cent of burglaries? — Yours

Dr Martin Loney,
Open University,
Milton Keynes

Sir,—I agree that the London Marathon is quite an event, but by no means is it "the most popular event in British sport." (Guardian, April 22). The Great North Run run from Newcastle to South Shields has had over 18,000 finishers in each year since 1982, and last year an extraordinary 24,183 people finished the race including myself.—Yours,

Ian Pullitt,
Sale, Manchester.

Sir, — Why should the nation spend over £8 million on The Adoration of the Magi? We already have one on show in Cambridge which we bought some years ago.

And then again, the whole original expedition of which this picture is a representation of only one incident, was done on a budget of a tiny fraction of this cost. — Yoursfaithfully,

Rev. Paul Robinson,
Wallasey,
Merseyside.

Sir, — My personal motif, and one that has stood me in good stead these several years: beneath a scribe couchant (face down upon the desk) — a device of my own design — the motto "Duit on mon del." — Yours faithfully,

Maurice Geller,
33 Seagrave Road,
London SW 6.

Voting styles that do not speak for democracy

Sir, — As one who has served at all levels of the trade union movement, I have a close acquaintance with ballots of several kinds. I can assure you that the success or failure of elections depends not so much on their secrecy as on the voters. The purpose of a ballot must be to obtain a representative result. The present government is not representative of the electorate: even if the distribution of seats in Parliament was more just, it would simply be more representative, but not absolutely so.

Members of my union branch who happened to work with me quite often brought their postal ballot forms to me saying: "What do I do with this, Bill?" When I said "fill it in" they would often reply, "I don't know any of these people. I don't know who to vote for. You do it for me, and post it, Bill. I trust you — you know these people; I don't."

My members who did this were those who cared — a bit. Those who cared not at all, just didn't vote. They never attended branch meetings. They hardly ever read the union journal.

There are activists in every organisation. Without them there would be tyranny by consent. An organisaton belongs to those people who work for it, and use it. It doesn't matter what kind of voting system there is, because those who prefer to be served rather than to serve, don't as a rule vote. They can't because the don't know who to vote for, or what.

I believe it is the non-voters that certain politicians with their eyes on the pathways to power think it might be possible to manipulate by their use of good friends in the "media". If someone or something can be shown in a light as rather unspeakable, it could easily be presented as rather praiseworthy to vote against it.

Postal ballots might be less subject to direct manipulation, but they will be more subject to indirect manipulation by people who, as of now, have no influence at all, except, perhaps, over the uncommitted and unconvinced, a legitimate target for the PR industry and the press it can buy. — Yours,

Bill Court,
Great Wakering,
Southend on Sea,
Essex.

A shocking exaggeration

Sir—It was with some concern that I listened to the comments of Ministers and MPs upon the introduction of electrical cattle fencing to the terraces at Chelsea Football Club.

That so many Ministers and their advisers should have so little knowledge of electricity and its effects in this technological age augurs badly for the future. To compare a harmless cattle wire to a prison camp perimeter fence is clearly sensationalism.

I suggest each Minister take a country walk and touch a cattle fence, for the shock, although mildly unpleasant, will not harm a normal, healthy person. It will certainly not throw them back, however attractive such a prospect might be in some cases. The countryside is not littered with fried cattle straddled across wires erected by callous farmers.

The proposal at Chelsea is to mount the wire on top of 12 foot fencing already in place. This existing fence has major safety implications in the event of barrier collapse, fire, etc, where spectators may need to spill on to the pitch. Clearly, any electrical deterrent could be switched off.

I would suggest that such a fence is more likely to lure the curious fan to experiment rather than shock or maim. Nevertheless, it is still a sad day for football that such deterrents and barriers are considered necessary.— Yours faithfully

M. J. Eves, (Physics Teacher.)
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Feltham, Middlesex.

Masochistic admiration that weakens the anti-Thatcher lobby

Sir,—There is internal contradiction in Paul Gerrard's attack on Professor Hobsbawm (Letters, April 19 which requires clarification.

While rejoicing that "young professional workers are joining the trade unions in considerable numbers," he also suggests that victory eluded the miners because of "the pusillanimity of the so-called New Realists in the TUC."

In fact, the lack of coherent support for the miners stemmed more from other union leaders' inability to deliver the active commitment of their memberships than from the TUC itself — which, of course, has no power to dictate to its affiliates.

The growing membership of the unions listed by Mr Gerrard should not be taken necessarily to indicate a positive move against the present government. It could, on the contrary, signify a dilution of the already weakened coherence of trade-union opposition to government policies. Indeed, the Prime Minister would positively welcome enlarged unions of this sort: enfeebled, divided, "moderate."

Incredibly, many individual trade unionnists have a respect and masochistic admiration for the Prime Minister which is making wholehearted and united opposition difficult or impossible to accomplish by individual union leaders.

Without indulging in the vulgarity of character assassination, it is time for those who wish to end the suffocation of our national spirit by Margaret Thatcher and her government to begin to expose the popular mythology which surrounds her.

The frailty of a narrow mind has been presented as a strength of purpose. Vacancy of imagination is made to resemble conviction. Personal contempt for large sections of the British population is put across as iron strength.

Until we can see, all of us, in its appalling clarity, the shallow, vain and disrespectful leadership we have brought upon ourselves, both Professor Hobsbawm and Paul Gerrar dcan continue to discuss just how much left-wing solidarity can balance on the point of a needle while the population at large continues to be mesmerised by the deceptive public images of the Prime Minister.

Ian Flintoff
London SW8.

An SS father

Sir,—My grandmother committed suicide when the SS came to take her to Auschwitz. My uncle held a higher rank in the Nazi Party than Princess Michael's father. The one gives me no more ground for pride than the other for shame.

The question I am faced with is: "How much am I doing to stop today's torturers and executioners?" That, arguably, is what Robert Maxwell might properly have asked Her Royal Highness. She, in turn, would have every right to ask it of him

Paul Oestreicher,
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A COUNTRY DIARY

OXFORDSHIRE: On a recent calm and very sunny morning I had a hunch that there would be a hatch of aquatic insects, and therefore set out with visions of swarms of swallows and martins, and possibly early swifts and marsh terns, to greet me when I arrived at the reservoir. I was right with regard to the insects, for swarms of large chironomid flies were on the wing or (presumably newly-hatched specimens drying out) sunning themselves on the walls and concrete banks of the pools. But there was not a single swallow, martin or yellow wagtail present to take advantage of the abundant food. One fact which I suspect was directly connected with the hatch of flies was the presence of around 200 black-headed gulls, not normally to be found in such numbers during daytime at this season. Some were feeding as they swam or floated, whilst others were swooping around in tern-like fashion, and I feel sure the sizeable midges were the attraction. Then I flushed a turnstone, in summer plumage, from the flat top of a low wall, and it flew only a little way ahead before again settling on the wall and proceeding to follow a zig-zag course forward, continually pecking to right and left. Normally, as in the case of the common sandpiper and two redshank which I had already seen, visiting waders confine their attention almost entirely to the water's edge. The opportunistic turnstone, in the absence of movable objects to tip over in search of prey, had found an even more rewarding feeding procedure — merely walking along and making a clean sweep.

W. D. CAMPBELL.

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We may be faced with the paradox that we need sickness to make us whole, says Ann Shearer as she reflects on the meaning of illness

Maybe we need healers who recognise that one important part of their job can be to announce that what the patient is actually suffering from is life

WHY ME, doctor? And why now? And what, doctor, does this illness mean? The questions are unchanging. But the answers aren't, and in current searchings there could, perhaps and tentatively, be the start of a revolution in our national health of a sort that hasn't been seen for a century and more.

Time was, and not so long ago either, when the answers seemed, if not pat, at least coherent enough, cause and effect catalogued ever more neatly, as clinicians explained the workings of the human machine and epidemiologists amassed ever more efficiently their statistics. And didn't that seem good enough cause for gratitude, as we learned to put our bodies in for service, to get the symptoms removed and the bad parts cut away — even replaced — and the doctors seemed confident that more of the same would mean more cures?

But these days, as we know, the mechanical model of medicine is showing its cracks, its remedies their limitations. People are sensing it as they increasingly hedge their bets with a galaxy of alternative therapies.

Doctors have set up the British Holistic Medical Association; even the BMA is finding that it can't dismiss the movement out of hand. At the very least, we can discern an unease with mechanistic medical approaches on both sides of the therapeutic fence. And maybe it's time to move beyond the question "Why?" to ask "What for?"

This month's Dartington conference was on the meaning of illness and it asked just that, and an extraordinary occasion it was too. It was so heavily booked and overbooked as to suggest that it's time to look more seriously for some new answers. And in its bringing together patients, alternative practitioners and doctors it edged towards a definition not just of illness but the healing arts themselves that goes way beyond the limits to which we've become accustomed.

We all have to die of something

Take, for just one instance of contemporary urgency, the heart disease which leads to some 600,000 heart attacks in Britain each year, a fifth of them fatal. The mechanisms of failure in that essential pump we can understand; the epidemiologists can present to us the statistical likelihood of the consequences of overstuffing, under-exercising and otherwise abusing the body it maintains. Yet put together 100 men who seem on this basis prime candidates for heart attack within three years, and what happens? No fewer than 92 of them simply don't oblige.

So medicine has learned to incorporate the psyche as well as the soma, to identify the Type A behaviour which seems connected to heart disease in aggressive, competitive men (and increasingly women) who strive to achieve more and more in less and less time, convinced that they are valued more for what they do than who they are.

This much is familiar enough. But what now is the *meaning* of heart disease? Not just a mechanical fault, but a compensation, an attempt of nature itself to restore in the individual a *balance between doing and* being, a reminder that the heart is not just that essential pump but the seat of the feeling which may have been denied. And if the illness then brings its message to the individual, maybe it brings one to society itself.

In a world that values so strongly the "masculine" qualities of aggression, competition, achievement, success, that has made more of sex without commitment than it has of love, is there an urgent need for a revaluing of the "feminine" qualities of acceptance, of being, of relatedness, for society's own *healing or maybe even salvation?*

Or take, for another contemporary and no less urgent instance, cancer. Why me, doctor? For the individual, is there more meaning in reflecting that, infectious disease conquered, we all have to die of something — or in wondering what impulse to growth has been frustrated and so turned destructive and so may be honoured. And why now, doctor, this epidemic? At the end of the 19th century, when it seemed newly obvious that disease was carried in germs that attacked the body from outside, the major political preoccupation was with protecting national frontiers from enemy attack.

These days, the enemy is within: it is the threatened breakdown of social harmony and ogranisation within the body politic that concerns us most. Is individual illness an expression too, or what the collective needs to address?

Maybe all this is a thicket of fantasy thrown up to make endurable what has become the hardest truth of all: that death is finally unavoidable. But maybe, too, it isn't. Out of the discussions among those diverse healers, gathered at Dartington, there seemed the beginnings of a convergence whose implications could be truly revolutionary.

For what would it mean if illness were not, after all, the great enemy, but instead an ingredient no less essential than health in the journey towards individual and collective wholeness on which we may be embarked? Just as for individuals illness may alert to imbalances that need attention and offer an opportunity for reflection and growth, so it may for society itself. We may be faced with a paradox: we need sickness to make us whole.

If this is so, then the role of the healer is very different from the one most often put on with the white coat and stethoscope. For healing is not necessarily synonymous with cure at all; helping people to find the meaning of their illness may be as important to them and to society itself as helping them suppress their symptoms as quickly as they may.

So maybe what we need is places where people can ask "What for?" and where collective healing rituals can be performed. Maybe we need healers who recognise that one important part of their job can be "to announce that *what the patient is suffering* from is actually life" (and the person who said that is an NHS general practitioner).

Maybe we need a recognition (and this came from a doctor, too) that the medicine we have so trustingly called scientific is in fact "a collection of nuggets of empirically-discovered things held together by beliefs and ideas which alone have no meaning."

Maybe from there we need to look far more searchingly at the elements of belief and idea that make any therapeutic intervention work. Why, for instance, does homeopathy, based on the logically nonsensical approach that the potency of medicines increases as the active element in the brew decreases, work so powerfully for those for whom it does? What is the healing potency in the notion of flows of energy which underpins Eastern systems and is coming nearer home as Western physicists uncover mysteries of relationship between energy and matter?

At a time when just about every bookshop, night school and food store in the land can attest to the desperation of our seeking after health rather than wholeness, these sorts of musing may seem arcane. In a world where even ageing has become a medical speciality — and so a sickness — and high-technology medicine has turned even death into "failed cardiac recussitation," there's clearly a way to go. But there are stirrings.

As this page reported last week, it is at the heart of high-tech medicine itself that Charing Cross Hospital is looking more closely at the meaning of heart disease and so treatment that goes beyond the mechanical to the healing of feeling in its patients.

There are psychotherapists who can attest to people's ability to seek out the symbolic meaning of their own disease and the healing effects of that. It is where high-tech medicine seems so often stumped that we are seeing — most notably in the power generated by cancer self-help groups — the beginnings of those collective healing rituals.

Perceptions of disease as sin

There are dangers, too of course. If psyche comes to dominate our perceptions of illness so that every symptom becomes the "fault" of the sufferer, then we are back to ancient perceptions of disease as sin which don't do anyone much good; already psychotherapists can report on the burden of guilt carried by people who have taken themselves to every sort of therapist imaginable and still failed to recover.

If current theories of illness as imbalance in individual and collective energy aren't integrated with more familiar models, we are so clearly back at a vitalist perception of the world as to make the whole business look suspiciously like no more than the swing of a sort of cosmic pendulum. But if we can learn to talk of "both-and" rather than "either-or", who knows what value there may be?

And though it may be the doctors who sounded the warnings against partial enthusiasms most clearly, it's among them too that the rumblings of discontent are perhaps most significant. If one paradox is to do with the healing nature of illness, then another is the one that they are living every day of their professional lives. They are, *after all, in a trade that is* interesting, highly rewarded, secure and socially admired. Yet they are also among the least healthy of the professions, the most prone — especially if women — to fatal addictions, to suicide, to emotional distress.

One of the most striking things of all at the Dartington conference was the strength of bitterness among the doctors: against a training that denied their humanness and a convention of practice that no longer suffices, against a strait-jacket of perception that locks them into appearing all-powerful and the patient as all-dependent.

"People complain that doctors don't treat them as human beings. But when are they going to stop seeing me as a machine?" That specialist from the teaching hospital maybe spoke for a whole lot of his colleagues.

If he did, perhaps the revolution isn't so distant after all, for it is when the medical profession starts to demand a shift that the structures will start to change. Of course there's a way to go, when the jealousies among the different brands of healer, as one ruefully pointed out, can make the night of the long knives seem like a tea-party.

Doctors are only just starting, it seems, to accept that although they could do well to learn new and different skills, there is going to come a point when they have to admit that other people may do some things better than they will ever be able to do.

The question then — and perhaps even now — is what sort of structures for healing are we are going to need. Already it's clear that the move towards self-healing, the search for new and more holistic therapies, could suit the politicians who believe we can't afford the aspirations of a national health service very well indeed.

If the healing is truly to be of the collective rather than of the middle-classes, then the debates on the future of the NHS are maybe deeper than we have yet realised.

Who is to care for small children? Helen Penn examines attempts to establish local cooperation, while, below, Peter Moss wonders why the Government is keeping quiet about an attempt to bring fathers into the act

How children became unequal partners

Ackroyd children: a perfect example of partnership. (Picture by Garry Weaser)

GOVERNMENT statements on "partnership" invoke a glowing marriage between local authorities and the private and voluntary sector, in child-care as elsewhere. But how successfully is this working in practice?

Of the £37,011,880 invested in urban aid this year, about one quarter is spent on 229 projects for under fives — including nursery classes, playgroup support, nurture groups, family centres, community nurseries, childminding, provision for handicapped children, toy libraries and training and support for staff.

But by far the bulk of this money has been used directly by local authorities to extend their own services — more than £6,000,000, for example, on straight extensions of nursery education. Only 31 of the 229 projects are voluntary, and only five are run jointly by local authority and voluntary organisation.

Why is so much urban aid money going directly to local authorities? Provision is concentrated where urban decay is greatest: London boroughs, the Midlands, the North-west, and Tyneside. These are areas where services are under most acute pressure, and where local authorities are desperate to meet local needs, and have been using whatever money they can lay their hands on.

The authorities who receive most money under the urban programme are also those facing the severest block grant penalties and ratecapping, for providing services which the Government has said, wearing another cap, are too generous.

Urban aid was intended to generate self-confidence, to promote the community's own ability to resource itself — the 1960s notion of pump-priming. But childcare is not a profit-making enterprise, and the urban aid projects, however much they may have involved the local community, have not become financially self-sufficient; in almost all of them the local authority must pick up the bill if they are to survive. This year, 37 urban aid funded childcare projects are due to fall out, with a further 61 next year and 93 in 1987/8. But local authorities can no longer meet the bills; if they do they will be subject to *penalties for overspending.*

In other child-care partnership initiatives, the future is still bleaker. Two years ago the Government launched its under-five initiative — £2 millions a year for three years, intended to stimulate the voluntary sector. But the tiny Children's Department at the DHSS had no precedents for locating and handing out money to small local groups, as the initiative intended. It took a year to get hold of the information, and to decide how to distribute the money, which is still underspent!

There were no clear criteria, so hard-pressed local groups submitted applications which the minister was not prepared to consider because in some unspecified way, they "did not fit."

In the end, the Government decided to bypass local authority structures altogether and revive a little-known organisation, NCVCCO (National Council of Voluntary Child Care Organisations), with no track record of community involvement and no democratically accountable management structure, to act as its main agency for distributing the initiative money and indeed for coordinating its other partnership initiatives.

Many local authorities have also taken on board the concept of partnership, and offer community grants for local groups. The biggest of these programmes in childcare is the GLC's, which is rather larger than the Government initiative, with £3.6m a year set aside. The GLC did at least have clear and widely-publicised criteria, which stressed the involvement of local women.

This childcare programme has been by far the most successful in stimulating a range of imaginative provision, and in tackling some of the issues which have been ignored in mainstream provision — racism, sexism, integration of handicapped children, and rethinking group care for babies.

However, it has been almost too successful, in that it has been inundated with applications, far beyond its ability to cope.

What all these funding pools illustrate is that for partnership to work productively in childcare certain prerequisites are necessary: a sound administrative base: an infrastructure of monitoring and support; clearly spelt out criteria; an accountable and open system of distribution of funds; and not least, some guarantee of continuity. But these lessons in partnership are being ignored.

The Government appears to have as its model for partnership the Victorian philanthropic charities, in which private firms and rich individuals supplied the money, and women volunteers with income support supplied the free labour. This model certainly does not fit inner-city areas now, where the resources for regeneration cannot be provided ad hoc but need planning, systematic financing and democratic accountability. In any case private money is not there.

The concept of partnership with the private sector in childcare is at its cruellest when applied to childminding. Whatever its virtues, this operates least well in inner city areas, where it is a service for poor women by poor women. To work decently, it needs extensive support services, equipment, training and meeting places for minders, and subsidies for hard-pressed parents, for whom it may represent more than 25 per cent of weekly income. But such services put childminding in the same cost league as nurseries.

The DHSS has now imported the concept of resource and referral centres, from the US — where there is either no registration or licensing required for minders, or where it is so minimal as to be pointless. These centres, run by charities and volunteers, keep lists of minders for inquiring parents.

The 1968 Childminding Act requires social services departments to make such information available, although few have the resources to keep up to date lists, such is the turnover in this private market. The DHSS argument is that parents need to take some responsibility about where they place their children, and that such centres would be a way of encouraging good consumer choice. But the stark *fact is that facilities are so* scarce and so expensive that most parents have to take what they can find. In the meantime, the little offered by the social services departments is likely to be removed.

Ackroyd Community Nursery illustrates all the questions about partnership in childcare. It operates in a small community centre in a multi-racial area of Lewisham, in London. Originally funded under urban aid, it persuaded Lewisham to buy a next door terraced house, and the GLC to fund its revenue costs as an annexe to the main nursery.

Ackroyd nursery is a perfect example of partnership. It offers a service to local people, is run by local people and employs local women. It offers imaginative childcare, and has links with local schools.

Next year, urban aid funding runs out. Lewisham is being rate-capped for, among other things, spending too much money on day nursery provision, and the GLC is being abolished. What will happen to Ackroyd then?

Helen Penn

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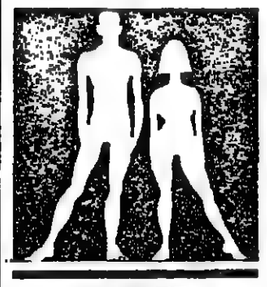
Is hard-nosed the opposite of soft in the head?



BODY AND SOUL

WHY AND in what sense are some sciences called hard and others soft, and why are the hard ones taken to be better? This language is so accepted that we scarcely notice it. But the words after all are metaphors. Sciences are not mattresses or golf balls. We do not test them by jumping on them or hitting them with hammers. What do these words actually mean?

If soft means confused (which it often seems to), then this metaphor is itself a shockingly soft one, a decaying rubbish-heap of contradictory fancies and half-intended meanings.

To start with the more respectable possibilities: hard cannot just mean difficult. It is not more difficult to *do Einstein's work than it is to* do Darwin's or Descartes' or Samuel Johnson's or Rousseau's and the same is true at every level.

Moreover, some of the most difficult and important aspects of Einstein's work centre on problems in philosophy — which counts as a soft study — because philosophical method is needed to make sense of the basic concepts which physics uses.

Physicists themselves have now for some time been emphasising how difficult it is to understand what physics really is and how it relates to the world. They do not any longer treat the universe as a vast clock, intelligible in principle to anyone who has grasped how clockwork runs. They see this mechanistic model as one among many, all of which are inadequate, and which need very difficult philosophical thinking to relate them. There is no room for hardness-snobbery here, and they do not tend to practise it.

All studies have their difficulties. These could not possibly be graded on a single scale. And anyway, mere difficulty does not really seem to be what those who praise hardness have in mind. When asked, the sense which they most often mention refers to some special sort of precision or reliability. Now every study which is not actually fraudulent delivers something precisely and reliably.

Hard evidence — meaning the precise and reliable kind — is available everywhere, in history, in archaeology, in biology and geography and linguistics and the rest.

When we press our questions further, the meaning of hard which emerges splits up into two strands. One strand is tailored directly to describe physics, but fails to explain in what sense if any, the qualities it mentions deserve particular praise. (*In fact*, the whole idea that one study is to be praised above all others is probably nonsense and should be dropped.)

The other strand makes more explicit the kind of praise that it deals *in*, but fails to apply specially to physics. For example, when the notion of precision is pressed, another division arises between the claims of logical clarity ("hard arguments") and those of solid empirical data ("hard facts"). For hard argument, the hands-down winners are, not physics, but mathematics and *logic, of which mathematics* may be regarded as a branch. (We are back in the philosophy department.)

For hard facts, biology, history, geography, linguistics and the rest do at least as well as, and possibly better than, theoretical physics.

The root of all this confusion has not been any special imperialism on the part of physicists themselves. It has been the attempt of philosophers of science to build simple barricades against ideologies which were claiming scientific status. Above all, it was a hasty customs-barrier *thrown up against* Freud and Marx.

Instead of admitting that the one was doing political theory and the other psychology of motive, and trying to understand on their own merits the claims which each made to be viewed as doing it more or less scientifically, the defenders ruled that nothing not physics-shaped could count as science at all. They threw all other products of the human intellect into a single bin labelled, indifferently, metaphysics, pseudo-science or soft.

But this approach, which dominated philosophy of science for half a century, distorts the very idea of science, and though many scientists still support it, it causes them endless inconvenience. By glueing the status of real hard science to the model of mechanistic physics, it makes endless difficulties both for the subtler physics of today and, notoriously, for biology and the social sciences, which need to take quite different shapes.

The irrelevant playground game of trying to look harder than the next guy constantly distorts controversy.

Even for those of us outside the sciences, the notion of hardness is misleading, because it is natural to associate it with reliability and usefulness. But some of the most useful thinking that we ever do is totally informal, and very little of that useful thinking forms part of any physical science.

Mary Midgley

Families matter, said the EEC. But Britain didn't listen

THE EEC Commission's Community Action Programme has produced a draft directive on Parental Leave and Leave for Family Reasons — virtually unknown, but dealing with issues of great importance to many familes.

Parental leave would enable an employed parent to have time off work to take sole or principal care of his or her child, following the end of maternity leave. The draft directive proposes a minimum of three months' leave for each worker, to be taken at any time until a child is two. Leave would be equally available to mothers and fathers, provided they are employed: an employed parent could only take parental leave if he or she were an employed single parent or had a partner who was working.

Both parents could not be on leave at the same time, and the leave entitlement would not be transferable. Where employers agreed, leave could be taken part-time, and the period extended — to make, for instance, six months' full-time leave into a year's part-time. Individual states would decide whether or not to pay an allowance to people taking parental leave.

Leave for family reasons would entitle workers to take paid leave for "important or pressing family reasons," including the illness of a child or spouse. As with parental leave, the entitlement would be open to men and women workers.

Both these leaves are important for several reasons. They would help to reconcile work and family responsibilities and provide new child-care options — a complement to day-care, rather than a substitute. They recognise that fathers have equal responsibilities for children and give them equal *rights with mothers.*

Perhaps most important, the directive makes a contribution to equal opportunities. The recent Government survey on women and employment illustrates the adverse consequences for women, in terms of job and income prospects, of losing contact with the labour market during their child-bearing years. It concludes that "family formation has a lasting effect ... It depresses women's lifetime earnings by between 25 and 50 per cent." But parental leave, together with leave for family reasons, would help more women maintain continuity of employment while having children. They could return to their former jobs rather than, as often happens now, *having to start from scratch* or rejoin further down the career ladder.

Of the 10 EEC countries, only the Netherlands, Ireland and the UK provide no parental leave. Internationally, the most impressive provision is outside the EEC — in Sweden, which now offers 12 months' paid parental leave for each family, the last six months of which may be taken as part-time leave at any time until a child is eight. Working parents are also entitled to 60 days' paid leave each year for each child under 12, to care for sick children, take them to medical appointments, visit nurseries and so on.

If adopted by the Council of Ministers, the draft EEC directive would set minimum standards of leave for all EEC states. The directive is a priority for implementation by the Italian Government during its current spell as president of the Council. A House of Lords committee here has supported paid parental leave, because "it will promote equal opportunities for women and will also improve child-care" — although it concluded that leave should initially be for only one month and that small businesses should be exempted.

But the prospects for adoption do not look promising, because the United Kingdom opposes the directive and its veto can kill it. The Government objects on grounds of cost and because it does not believe that this is an "appropriate" area for legislation. It argues that such matters should be left to voluntary negotiation between employees and employers — even though most witnesses to the House of Lords rejected this.

Peter Moss

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On the 4th of December, 1984, Olive Bateman had a visitor.

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Social Services

Senior Social Worker
(South Area Office)

£10404–£11025 p.a. JC/981/110

A qualified Social Worker is required (male or female) with at least two years experience to lead a team of social workers in City South Area which covers a range of settings from the inner city to outer area suburbs and primarily comprises a large post-war council estate and an inner city re-development area. Whilst initially the postholder will lead a busy intake team, internal re-organisation will be taking place shortly which might result in different forms of team structures and service delivery. Team members carry generic caseloads, although this post will have some emphasis on child care work. The successful applicant will also be part of the management group and will be expected to participate in policy formulation. He/she must be able to demonstrate flexibility, initiative and the ability to take part in an area which has seen a number of new developments and which is likely to see an extension of these in the future.

Applicants wishing to have an informal discussion should ring Mr G Swan, Acting Area Director or Miss Joan Ashton, Senior Social Worker, Tel Nottingham (0602) 216021.

Closing date 2 May.

Social Worker (2 posts)

Post 1 – Nottingham City Hospital
Ref. JM/304/110

We are looking for a qualified and experienced person to complement a lively and committed team of social workers serving the Department of Health Care of the Elderly, in our Sherwood Wing of the Hospital. The successful applicant (male or female) will provide an imaginative and effective service to two acute admission and assessment wards and will be expected to work closely with their multi-disciplinary teams. The Social Work *Department enjoys a good partnership with its medical and para-*medical colleagues, and this is particularly true of the two consultant geriatricians pertaining to these wards, who have a constructive and sympathetic approach to the needs of elderly people. The department is committed to the in-service training of its staff, and equally to regular and supportive supervision. There is close liaison with local CQSW training establishments and staff are encouraged to offer their skills in student placements, for *which the department has a good reputation. Opportunities exist* for developmental work and new initiatives will always be encouraged.

For further information, please contact Martyn Bravant, Team Leader or Sheila Martin, Group Principal, Tel. Nottingham (0602) 608111 Ext. 2711 or Ext. 2427 respectively.

Closing date 2 May.

Post 2 – Mansfield and Sutton Hospital Group
Ref. JM/306/110

A qualified Social Worker is required for this post which is located in a sub-group of geriatric hospitals and is responsible for a short/medium term casework service to elderly patients. A multi-professional approach has been established and we work closely with other members of the team. A "screening project" dealing with all new admissions has improved our service to Victoria Hospital and has proved invaluable in establishing a method of working which frees social work staff from a great deal of mundane work. The major thrust of this post will be at Forest and Newstead Hospitals where *there is scope for work in the rehabil-*itative field with other professional groups. This represents a development of services as a result of the experiences of a previous member of staff working briefly on these units. This group of Social Workers is committed to dealing with the effects of service illness, injury or surgery, whether emotional, physical or environmental. We have teams of staff at each major hospital location offering the full range of social services facilities, either directly or in close consultation with the relevant area office. The catchment area includes the greater part of Central Nottinghamshire Health District with a population of around 250,000. Each post has adequate secretarial help and office accommodation provided by the Health Authority. We are seeking staff (male or female) who have commitments to the best interests of clients and a social work service located in a hospital setting, and who *will bring new ideas and drive to bear on the challenges which* occur where a number of professions work in close proximity. Regular consultative and supervisory sessions are the rule and we are attempting to establish and maintain a more cohesive and effective service in what is essentially an intake system within a patched model.

For further information/informal discussion contact Chris Clark, Jacqui Swaine or Sue Hughes on Mansfield 22815 Extn. 3382, 3383 or 3384. Closing date 3 May.

Salary for the above two posts according to experience and qualification normally Level 3 (£8532–£10107 p.a.) if qualified with 4 years experience; Level 2 (£7524–£8820 p.a.) if qualified with 2 years experience. Pre course experience as a social worker is counted.

Interpreter for the Deaf

£9822–£8420 p.a. Ref. JM/303/110

This exciting new post has been established to provide an interpreting service for deaf people. The interpreter will be attached to the Social-Work team for the deaf based in Nottingham City and will undertake those tasks which require competent *manual communication skills but which do not require profes-*sional social work skills. The post holder will be responsible to the senior social worker for the deaf based in the City Team who will supervise and allocate the work, although the interpreter will also undertake work from the social work team for the deaf based in the North of the County. Candidates (male or female) must be able to demonstrate a fluency in manual communication skills, and must also hold a current driving licence and own or be prepared to buy a car. *Essential car user allowance is payable.*

For further information/informal discussion please contact Jean Greaves, Senior Social Worker with the Deaf, Tel. Nottingham (0602) 413481. Closing date 22 May.

For all the above posts relocation expenses where appropriate.

Requests for application form and job description for the above posts should be made in writing to the Staffing Section, Social Services Department at County Hall. Please quote post title and reference when applying.

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Social Services Department

Care of the Elderly

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RASC5 £8919-£9771/£10452

Required at Willett House a 50 bedded home situated in pleasant surroundings in Chislehurst. The successful applicant will have a genuine interest in meeting the needs of the elderly. A proven academic record with a willingness to find innovative ways of caring in a residential setting will be as important as first hand experience of elderly persons' homes.

Assistant Officer-in-Charge
RASC3 £7212-£7986/£8403

Required at Belle Grove, a 48 bedded purpose built home for the elderly situated in St. Paul's Cray.

We are seeking an innovative person who can combine a managerial role with a genuine commitment to meeting the needs of our elderly residents.

The successful candidate will not necessarily have had residential experience, but will certainly be able to display intelligence, energy and a resourceful approach to the objectives of the home.

These are both non-residential posts with a regular sleeping-in requirement for which payment is made at the rate of £10.03 per night.

Application forms and further details from Head of Manpower Services, Civic Centre, Rochester Avenue, Bromley, BR1 3UH.
Tel. 01-290 0324 (24 hour answering service).

Closing date:— 9th May 1985

London Borough Of **Bromley**

The Borough of Eastleigh is situated between Southampton *and Winchester and is close to the scenic, sporting* attractions of the New Forest and Solent. Its population of 94,000 is expected to rise to over 100,000 in the next few years.

COUNTRYSIDE MANAGEMENT OFFICER

£9,060 - £9,660 p.a.

The Borough, with the support of the Countryside Commission and Hampshire County Council, is about to launch a countryside management scheme. The scheme, which will run for a period of 5 years, will initially start in the Itchen Hamble area of the Borough. Responsible to the Amenities and Recreation Officer the post will co-ordinate a programme of work to improve the appearance of the landscape, the use of land and access to the countryside which will include land management schemes, natural conservation projects and improvements to footpath and other means of access, and recreational improvements.

The appointment will be for a five year contract period and applicants should have a good standard of secondary education and possess a suitable qualification in recreation, land management or other appropriate environmental subject. They should also be able to communicate with a wide range of people including local communities, schools, voluntary groups and land owners and have proven *experience of supervising practical work. Applicants should* have a full driving licence.

Generous removal expenses of up to £2,500 will be payable in approved cases and other staff benefits include modern offices, staff restaurant, and concessionary sports rates.

Application forms and further details are obtainable from Chris Hadfield, Personnel and Management Services Section, Civic Offices, Leigh Road, Eastleigh, Hants SO5 4YN or telephone Eastleigh 614646 ext. 3054 and are to be returned by 8th May 1985.

Borough of Eastleigh

Chief Executive

Borough of Eastleigh

£24,431 – £26,874

Eastleigh is *situated in southern Hampshire* close to the scenic and sporting attractions of the Solent and New Forest. With a population approaching 100,000, its wide interests include major industrial concerns and thriving commercial, agricultural and leisure sectors, including the boatbuilding and yachting centres on the Hamble.

With the retirement of the Chief Executive in July, the council is seeking a successor with the experience, flair and ability to lead the corporate management team and 590 council employees.

Eastleigh is a progressive authority in which the new *Chief Executive will assume responsibility for the* formulation and implementation of the council's policies, and the appropriate deployment of all resources. In addition, there are duties as a Returning Officer, and manpower and information services are directly attached to the post.

Key tasks will be the implementation of further development plans and proposals for a major shopping centre in the town.

Applicants are likely to be in their 40s, from a relevant professional discipline, with substantial knowledge of local government organisation and procedures, and a successful track record in a wide-ranging senior management role.

In addition to salary, there are car and telephone allowances and election fees. A resettlement allowance of £2,500 is payable.

Please send brief cv, in confidence, quoting Ref: GM 76/9294/G, to G T M Hinds, from whom further particulars are available. Closing date for applications: 17 May, 1985.

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District General Manager

Wycombe Health Authority is looking for a General Manager, who will be managerially responsible to the Authority for the totality of services which it provides; for implementing its policies; and for its financial performance. This new post results from the recommendations of the recent NHS Management Inquiry (the 'Griffiths Report'). The considerable skills needed include the ability to manage organisational change by persuading and motivating staff of different professions and disciplines. Relevant experience might have been gained in the private or public sector.

The Wycombe Health District covers part of the Chiltern Hills and includes the towns of High Wycombe and Amersham (in both of which there are general hospitals), Beaconsfield, Chesham, Gerrards Cross and Marlow. The population is 274,000. The Authority employs some 3500 staff and has a current annual revenue allocation of £25 million. The strategy approved for the next ten years by the Oxford Regional Health Authority envisages substantial development of both hospital-based and community services in the Wycombe District, resulting in the highest rate of growth of services in the Region.

The appointment will be for a fixed term, renewable by agreement. Salary and other terms of service will be commensurate with the responsibility of the post and are open to negotiation. Further information is available from the Chairman, Mr J. E. Camp, Oakengrove, Shrubbery Road, High Wycombe, Bucks. HP13 6PS. (Telephone High Wycombe 26161, Ext. 278).

Candidates should forward a c.v. and a statement of their reasons for wishing to be considered for this appointment to the Chairman by 14 May 1985.

WYCOMBE HEALTH AUTHORITY

Northern Ireland Economic Council

Deputy Director
£16,229 — £21,834

The Economic Council is an independent body established by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland to advise on economic policy. The Council, which is chaired by Sir Charles Carter, FBA, is composed of management, trade union and independent interests.

Applications are invited for the post of Deputy Director. In addition to assisting the Director, duties will include an overall responsibility for the Council's research programme and detailed work on individual projects. Good writing skills are an essential requirement for the post. Candidates should have a higher degree and/or substantial research experience — preferably in Economics or a closely related discipline.

The Deputy Director salary scale is £16,229 — £21,834 and there is a non-contributory pension scheme. Application forms and further details may be obtained from the Secretary, Northern Ireland Economic Council, Bullock House, 2 Linenhall Street, Belfast BT2 8BA or by telephone from Belfast 221123. Completed application forms must be returned to arrive not later than 9 May, 1985.

TYNE AND WEAR COUNTY COUNCIL
Working for you

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

WARDEN

(Tyne and Wear Urban Fringe Area Management Scheme)
(Countryside, Recreation and Leisure Team)
SCALE 4 (£6,555 — £7,329)

Tyne and Wear County Council has approved the setting up of an integrated wardening, educational and interpretive service for its country parks, picnic sites, recreation areas and for land managed in the Urban Fringe.

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons with experience in countryside, educational or wardening matters to fill the above post.

The posthodler will be responsible to the senior warden and will liaise closely with the three project officers who work on land in private as well as public ownership in the urban fringe areas of Sunderland/South Tyneside, Newcastle/North Tyneside and Gateshead. The main duties will be to assist with:

1. The conservation and protection of wildlife in the countryside.
2. The organisation of interpretive and educational programmes for school groups.
3. The provision of information and advice to visitors.
4. The enhancement of visitors' enjoyment of the countryside through the development of guided walks, from open days and *publicity material.*
5. The recruitment and training of voluntary wardens.

The Warden will be based at the information centre at Tyne Riverside Country Park, Newburn, although the postholder will be expected to attend meetings at Sandyford House, Newcastle and to undertake such other related duties as may be directed from time to time. A clean driving licence is essential.

Application forms for the above post available from the County Personnel Officer, Tyne and Wear County Council, Sandyford House, Archbold Terrace, Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 1ED. (Tel: Newcastle 816144, ext. 206).

Completed application forms should be returned by 3rd May, 1985.

The County Council is an equal opportunities employer.

TOWER HAMLETS HEALTH AUTHORITY

DISTRICT GENERAL MANAGER

This Inner London Teaching District provides health care services to the London Borough of Tower Hamlets and specialist hospital services to a wider population in the North East Thames Regional Health Authority. Its current revenue budget is £64m and it employs over 5,400 Whole-Time Equivalent staff.

A General Manager is now required to run this large and complex organisation. Directly responsible to the Authority for the formulation of policies and objectives and the management of change, the General Manager will be head of the management team. A key feature will be the setting and achieving of financial and performance targets.

Candidates will need to possess and be able to demonstrate high qualities of leadership, achievement and innovation in business or public service at an equivalent management level and be earning at least £20,000 per annum.

The contractual arrangements will be for discussion but initially the appointment will be for a fixed term of three years.

An information package is available from Tony Weight, District Personnel Officer, Tower Hamlets Health Authority, The London Hospital (Whitechapel), London E1 1BB. Telephone No. 01-377 0403.

Closing date:– 17th May 1985.

Tower Hamlets Health Authority

WANTED

Co-ordinator
PO1 Scale £10,716–£11,542

The Women's Technology Scheme offers 12 months' training to women over 25 who want to work in new technology. The scheme aims to provide high quality instruction in micro-electronics and computing in a supportive and encouraging environment. The scheme is funded by the Liverpool City Council and the European Social Fund and is subject to annual review.

We are looking for someone to replace our Co-ordinator who is seconded by the local education authority and will be leaving in August, 1985. Applicants should have a commitment to increased training opportunities for women and recent financial and administrative or managerial experience relevant to the voluntary sector. Teaching, technical or industrial experience not essential but would be an advantage.

For further details and application forms contact the Women's Technology Scheme, Merseyside Trade Union, Community and Unemployed Resource Centre, 24 Hardman Street, Liverpool L1 9AX (Tel. 051-709 6336).

Closing date for applications is 13th May, 1985.

The Women's Technology Scheme is an Equal Opportunities employer.

SYSTEMS ANALYST
£11,277—£13,590

Based at Potters Bar, Herts. Benefits include Contributory Pension Scheme and Holiday Entitlement of 23 days.

In this new post the association is seeking either a computer professional or an adaptable energetic and innovative person with a wide housing association experience especially with mini and micro computers. The association has 11 area offices all possessing micro computers and at head office a mini computer. Rent accounting is decentralised and all other accounting is centralised at Potters Bar. The Successful applicant will report to the Director of Finance. Initially the task will be to complete the implementation of the regional micros and *then to formulate proposals for improving and developing* an integrated management information system.

WPHT Housing Association together with its daughter associations manage our 6,000 units, based on strong management teams, at both voluntary committee and staff levels. The small Head Office team headed by the Chief Executive, provides Financial and Secretarial / Administration back-up for the regions.

Application forms and job descriptions available from Mrs C. G. Warr, WPHT Housing Association, Prospect House, Wyllyotts Manor, Darkes Lane, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 2QW. Telephone: Potters Bar 45171. The Association welcomes applications from all sections of the community

Closing date: May 10th, 1985

wpht HOUSING ASSOCIATION

Assistant Director of Housing (Management)

£22400-£24500

We are looking for an experienced and qualified housing manager to head our properties management division. The role is a demanding one with full responsibility for the smooth and efficient running of a major division of a Housing Department in a typical inner-city location with all its associated pressures.

You will have the control of over 150 staff and report to the Director of Housing.

You will be dealing with a stock size of 40,000 dwellings mostly flats, both rented and leasehold.

The division is managed through 6 District Offices and the role encompasses most of the traditional housing management functions. You will have regular contact with Members, tenants' and leaseholders' representatives, and contribute at Committees of the Council, particularly the two which specifically relate to housing matters.

If you think you have the professional expertise and personal drive to successfully undertake this role, application forms are available from Mr. C. Davis, Principal Personnel Officer, Housing Department, Wandsworth Town Hall, London SW18 2PU 01-871 6793.

Should you wish to have an informal discussion about the job before applying Dick Sheppard the Director of Housing will be happy to speak to you on the telephone 01-871 6774. Previous applicants need not re-apply.

The closing date for applications is Monday, 13th May.

Wandsworth
an equal opportunity employer
All applicants are considered on the basis of their suitability for the job irrespective of disablement, race, sex or marital status.

UNIT LEADERS
Canterbury Children's Centre £8532-£9114 p.a.

The centre offers a new challenge in under fives provision in Bradford. We shall be integrating the best practice and philosophy of day care and early childhood education into a flexible pattern of attendance to meet individual children's and family needs. There are 3 vacancies, 1 in the 0-18 months Unit and 2 in the 3-5 year Unit.

0-18 month Unit

This is a particularly challenging post in that it is essential for the Unit Leader to have skills in working with families, particularly to share their own knowledge to enhance and improve parenting skills and family life. The leader will work with a team of 2 assistants and he/she should consider how to integrate and involve teachers in the Unit where necessary. The leader will establish high standards of personal child care and stimulating play activities and be confident to liaise and co-operate with other professionals involved with the family.

3-5 year Unit

This is an exciting innovation providing an opportunity to integrate the philosophies and good practice of day care and nursery education with new flexible patterns of early childhood provision. The leaders (male or female) will work with a team of assistants and teachers and be confident to liaise and co-operate with other professionals where necessary. A commitment to involving parents and other family members in the Unit and the Centre is essential, combined with an empathy for families with special needs.

For all 3 jobs candidates should be experienced in working with young children and their families preferably with at least 3 years post qualifying experience. This could include teaching, NNEB, health visiting, community worker, CQSW or the CSS qualifications.

As this area of Bradford is particularly multi racial, an awareness of Asian/Afro-Caribbean needs is essential. More information from Julie Gilhes the Head of the Centre, telephone (0274) 574539. *Ref. RDC5896*

This Council supports the principle that all employees should be encouraged to be members of an appropriate trade union recognised for the purpose of negotiation and consultation.

Application forms are available from the Directorate Personnel Officer, Personnel Unit, Directorate of Social Services, 4th Floor, Pennine House, 30/45 Well Street, Bradford BD1 5RW.

City of Bradford Metropolitan Council

We are an equal opportunities employer and welcome applications from candidates of any age, sex, race or disability unless otherwise stated.

TRANSPORTATION IN STAFFORDSHIRE

Planning Assistant

Scale 3/5 (£5,922-£8,262 per annum)

Applications are invited for the post of Planning Assistant in the Transportation Division (which is part of the County Transportation Unit) of the County Planning and Development Department.

The post holder will be an important member of a team dealing with all aspects of transportation planning. In particular he/she will be concerned with transport modelling the transportation aspects of the County Structure Plan, Local Plans and major planning applications and scheme assessment. He/she will also be expected to work closely with staff in the County Highways Department in the design of highway improvements.

Applicants will be expected to have obtained a degree in Civil Engineering or other suitable qualifications.

Application forms and further details from the County Planning and Development Officer, Martin Street, Stafford ST16 2LE. The closing date for applications is the 7th May 1985.

Trade Union membership desirable.

Staffordshire County Council

CENTRAL LONDON LAW CENTRE
requires

SOLICITOR

(min. 3 years qualified) for housing advice casework and development work. Bengali or Cantonese speaker preferred. GLC funded. Salary £9,780 p.a. inc. London Weighting, under review. Applications are welcome regardless of race, sex or marital status.

For details phone 01-437 5854 (Val Hughes).

Closing date: 20th May, 1985.

BTCV

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
Salary £7,097 — £8,453
Based in Gateshead, Tyne & Wear

This is an exciting opportunity to develop practical conservation projects to be undertaken by a wide range of volunteer groups in the urban areas of Tyne & Wear, and to promote practical conservation of the natural environment by volunteers in the North East.

We are seeking an enthusiastic and highly motivated person with skills in conservation/landscape management and experience of working with volunteer groups and negotiating with funding agencies. Previous experience in promotion/publicity would be advantageous.

Application form and further details (for which a large A5 s.a.e. is required) from: **Trust Administration, 36 St. Mary's Street, Wallingford, Oxon. OX10 0EU to be returned by 17 May, 1985.**

PROJECT LEADER – MANCHESTER FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE

NCH

LEVEL 3: £8,532 - £10,107

Someone with innovative flair to develop and manage an existing centre in Hulme. The successful applicant will be expected to spend several months assessing how the centre can best respond to the needs and demands of the area.

He/she should be experienced in being able to work closely with local Statutory and Voluntary agencies, and in addition be capable of mobilising the resources of volunteers in the Community.

Relevant qualifications are CQSW, Youth and Community Diploma, CSS.

The NCH is a Christian-based organisation.

Application forms and job description can be obtained from Dept. GN26, North West Regional Office, 35 Wilson Patten Street, Warrington, Cheshire.

Closing date – 8th May 1985.

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S HOME

PENSIONS & INVESTMENT RESOURCE CENTRE

NEW APPOINTMENT

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

at least £17,000

The PIRC is a new company limited by guarantee, established by a group of local authorities to provide them with information and analysis on companies and other investments. It has been set up to meet concerns felt about the wider effects of the investment decisions which are taken by local authorities.

Working with the Board of Directors the Chief Executive will be responsible initially for setting up the organisation and then managing and developing its work in accordance with its aims and objectives.

For further information and application form please write to: Bryn Davies, c/o Room 138, County Hall, London SE1 7PB by May 15, 1985 (telephone: 01-633 3337).

The PIRC is an equal opportunities employer and we will be prepared to consider job share applicants.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DEPARTMENT
WOMEN'S SUB-COMMITTEE SUPPORT UNIT

Principal Adviser
(£11,916 — £12,900)

The Council's Women's Sub-Committee is concerned with the review, development and implementation of policies for the improvement of the provision of services with respect to women in the Borough and the position of women employed by the Council. This new post will lead the recently strengthened unit of 3 staff. A clear understanding of women's issues and a commitment to improving the position of women are basic requirements of the job and the successful candidate will have demonstrated an ability to make an effective contribution to the consideration of policy, possibly within a local government setting, but not necessarily on matters concerning the position of women. The Council welcomes applications regardless of race, colour, nationality or ethnic or nation origins, age, marital status, sex, sexual orientation or disability.

Application forms and further particulars are available from the Chief Executive, Town Hall, East Ham, London, E6 2RP. Tel: 471 0619 (24 hour answering service). Please quote reference ASC/416.

Closing date: 17 May, 1985.

An Equal Opportunity Employer

LONDON BOROUGH OF NEWHAM

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT/ BOOK-KEEPER

Sought by Catholic Housing Aid Society. £3,000 per annum for 14 hours per week.

For application form and job description contact:

CHAS, 189a Old Brompton Road, London SW5 0AR or phone 01-373 4961.

WORK IN LEISURE

PGL offer opportunities to work with children or families for long or short periods as activity (outdoor, sports, creative) instructors, Group Leaders, or in a wide range of supporting domestic and administrative roles at residential activity centres.

Details and application form from Personnel

PGL Young Adventure
Jobs 18-30's
PGL Young Adventure
604 Station Street
Ross-on-Wye HR9 7AH
Tel: (0989) 64211

NATIONAL STONE CENTRE, WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE

APPOINTMENT OF FIRST DIRECTOR

The Council of the NSC is seeking a Director with outstanding qualities of drive and leadership to play the leading role in the development of the centre, which will illustrate in an entertaining and informative manner the history of stone and the stone industries. A 50-acre site at Wirksworth, Derbyshire, is being prepared and charitable status is being sought.

A dynamic approach is required as within two years the successful applicant is expected to have:

(1) Developed detailed plans for the centre;
(2) Evaluated its viability and visitor potential;
(3) Sought the necessary funds for its development.

The appointment is for two years in the first instance — salary negotiable in the range £15,000–£17,000.

Telephone G Mitchell for further details on 01-788 4481. Applications to the National Stone Centre, Blind Lane, Wirksworth, Derbyshire, by 31st May, 1985.

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ISLINGTON IS GOING LOCAL

Islington is decentralising Housing Social Services, Environmental Health, Repair Teams, Tenant's Benefits, Payments to the Council, Advice on Council Services and Welfare Rights as part of a major programme to make the services given to the public more accessible, coherent and comprehensive.

The work of the offices will need to be open and responsive to the needs of multi-ethnic inner city communities.

The Social Services Department is at the most important point in its life since 1971, when it established the most decentralised fieldwork service in London. "Going Local" has required a major overhaul of the structure to ensure an organisation which will take the department forward into the next century. A central objective of these changes is to integrate the activities of day, residential, domiciliary and fieldwork services at local level.

A number of posts will arise in the next few months. We are excited about these changes. We seek people who share our enthusiasm. Candidates must be willing to work at any of the neighbourhood offices in Islington. Personal preferences for work location will be considered if possible. The persons appointed may be located in the first instance, in the existing departmental office and will be transferred to a neighbourhood office as the programme develops.

Islington Council

Our jobs are open to all races, both sexes, lesbians and gay men and we have a positive attitude towards the employment of disabled people.

SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

SENIOR SOCIAL WORKERS (PO1)
Salary from £11,964-£12,810 p.a. inclusive

Full Time Job Ref. 394.

Part Time (20 hours per week) Job Ref. 395.

Part Time (17½ hours per week) Job Ref. 396.

Peripatetic Job Ref. 397.

We want people with either a professional qualification and three years' experience as a Social Worker or five years' experience as a Social Worker to undertake the supervision of a group of Social Workers.

The postholder should be able to identify need and the appropriate action in cases which involve the use of the department's statutory powers, maintain links with local communities and other agencies, participate in managing the Duty Service and providing cover for the Home Care Organiser, and be able to chair relevant meetings and case conferences.

SOCIAL WORKERS (Career Grade)
Salary from £8,772-£11,964 p.a. inclusive depending upon qualifications and experience.

Full Time Job Ref. 398.

Part Time (17½ hours per week) Job Ref. 399.

Peripatetic Job Ref. 400.

We require Social Workers with either 2 years' relevant experience or a professional qualification to undertake the full range of generic community based social work functions including duty and assessment work.

The successful applicants will be expected to assist in developing and maintaining local team projects and work with community organisations and other agencies.

PERIPATETIC SENIOR SOCIAL WORKERS AND SOCIAL WORKERS ARE PARTICULARLY REQUIRED TO PROVIDE RELIEF COVER FOR LONG SICKNESS AND VACANCIES.

For application forms for Social Services vacancies telephone our 24 hour answering service on 01-607 2041. (Please take care to quote the right job reference number as incorrect numbers can cause problems for applicants) or call at 5/6 Highbury Crescent, London, N.5.

Closing date 1st post on 16th May 1985

ISLINGTON CARES. CARE FOR ISLINGTON

GLC
Working for London

Administrative Section Head

To be responsible for ensuring the smooth flow of work through the Policy and Resources Branch, including the management of the Branch Secretariat, the development of administrative procedures and drafting replies to correspondents on a wide range of issues. There is also responsibility for staffing and accommodation matters.

This requires quickly acquiring a comprehensive knowledge of the Council's housing programme and administrative procedures. Proven staff management abilities, written and oral communication skills and the ability to work in a pressurised policy environment are essential as is a sensitive and tactful approach to staff and personnel issues.

Salary: £13,065-£14,781 inclusive. Ref: 084.

Housing Administrative Assistant

To provide assistance to the Borough Liaison Officer in establishing and maintaining communication and co-operation with a group of London Boroughs in all areas of GLC housing activities. This includes assembly of information on the renovation strategy for transferred housing.

High standard of communication skills required with the ability to quickly acquire knowledge of the Council's Housing initiatives. Applicants should be flexible in approach and be capable of supervising staff and organising, interpreting and collating a variety of detailed information.

Salary: £9,255-£11,325 inclusive. Ref: 083.

Housing Appointments at Thamesmead

There are currently openings for people with a tactful and sympathetic approach to tenants problems to join the Council's housing team at the Thamesmead District Office, SE2.

Arrears & Benefits Counsellor

To ensure that tenants are aware of, and take advantage of, assistance available from any agency in connection with budgeting problems, particularly rent arrears. Duties include interviewing tenants and training/advising staff on social benefits and welfare rights.

A sound understanding of social benefits and welfare rights is called for with the ability to quickly acquire knowledge of computerised rent accounting systems. Good communication skills are essential.

Salary: £9,255-£11,325 inclusive. Ref: 081.

Interviewing Officer

To act as a first point of contact between the Council and residents visiting the Housing Office, in dealing with housing management and maintenance enquiries and to provide other information as required.

Good communication skills, initiative and the capacity to work with minimum supervision are essential. The job also requires the ability to acquire a knowledge of the Council's policies, procedures and housing computer systems quickly and to learn to use a VDU.

Salary: £6,927-£9,255 inclusive. Ref: 082.

LONDON AGAINST RACISM

The GLC is an equal opportunities employer. We invite applications from women and men from all sections of the community, irrespective of their ethnic origin, colour, sexual orientation or disability, who have the necessary attributes to do the job.

For an application form, to be returned by 10th May 1985, write to: GLC Housing Department, IB2N, The County Hall, SE1 7PB or telephone 01-633 4771. Please quote appropriate reference.

These posts are suitable for job sharing

City Treasury

Career in Public Finance and Accountancy

Scale 4/6 £6555-£9114

A graduate will be appointed in September to train for the examinations of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy, the professional accountancy body for the Public Sector. C.I.P.F.A. members are responsible for financial advice, direction and control in most large scale public organisations.

Training comprises block release at Bristol Polytechnic and work experience in the City Treasury.

A numerate degree e.g. Accounting/Economics would be relevant but people taking other subjects may apply as a conversion course exists.

A period of training with salary progression is offered to persons expecting to obtain good degrees. After qualifying rapid promotion to middle/senior management is possible.

Career in Computing

Scale 4/6 £6555-£9114

Trainee opportunity in the Information Systems Division which provides a computing service for the whole of the local authority.

The division develops and maintains a wide range of financial and non-financial systems using the main processors of the installation: an IBM 4381 mainframe and a Microdata Sequoia which provide services to local and remote users. Personal computers are also in widespread use.

The successful applicants are likely to be highly motivated and expecting to obtain good degrees or HNDs in computer related subjects. Training is intensive and rapid progress through the career grade is possible.

Application forms for both posts can be obtained from the City Treasurer, Plymouth City Council, Catherine Street, Plymouth, PL1 2AA. Telephone (0752) 264822. Closing date 24th May 1985.

PLYMOUTH City Council

Social Services Department

Hospital Social Work

Opportunities exist for qualified Social Workers (Full Time and Part Time) in both the Psychiatric and General Social Work Teams at Farnborough Hospital

Social Worker
(Level 3) Part Time: P336
SW (L3): £9771-£11373 pro rata

Responsible to the Senior Social Worker (Team Leader), but working in a multi-disciplinary team headed by a Consultant Psychiatrist, this postholder will provide support to patients and their families in the Psychiatric Unit, dealing with in patient referrals and referrals from the day unit and out-patients.

At least 18 months' post-qualifying experience is required for this position and candidates able to undertake duties as 'Approved Social Workers' will be preferred.

Social Worker
(Level 2): P337
SW (L2): £8661-£10134

Based in the Psychiatric Unit, duties involve referrals from one of the Hospital's clinical teams and the day unit. The postholder will also carry out work at Orpington Hospital Psychiatric out-patients, including Social assessments on patients who have attempted suicide.

Social Worker
(Level 2): P339
SW (L2): £8661-£10134

This post is based in the Stepping Stones Club, Bromley, which offers group activities to vulnerable people and those recovering from mental illness. The postholder will offer support to volunteers who run the groups and take referrals from the clinical team at Farnborough Psychiatric Unit which is linked to the out-patients clinic at Stepping Stones.

Social Worker
(Level 2) Part Time: P334B
SW (L2): £8661-£10134 pro rata

To deal with referrals from one of the clinical teams in the Psychiatric Unit.

Social Worker
(Level 2) Part Time: P353
SW (L2): £8661-£10134 pro rata

In the general Social Work Section at the Hospital, to carry a caseload which is, at present, drawn from medical wards.

Experience of work with elderly and physically handicapped clients would be an advantage for this post.

Application forms and further details from Head Manpower Services, Civic Centre, Rochester Avenue, Bromley BR1 3UH.
Tel: 01-290 0324 (24 hour answering service).

Closing date: 7th May 1985.

London Borough Of Bromley

Services worth defending

Co-operative Development Worker

Salary up to £10,299 per annum

An enthusiastic and committed co-operative development worker, is urgently needed to run Basildon's Co-operative Development Agency as it enters its second year.

The Agency has helped three workers' co-ops to become established in its first year and further two are in the process of registration. In addition to providing ongoing support to these co-ops you will help other existing groups with the creation of their business plans, advise on viability and help to locate the necessary resources. You will also be responsible for promoting co-operative principles throughout the district.

Ideally you will have experience of working in or with co-operatives, staff supervision and have a commercial, marketing or financial background. Most definitely you will have a commitment to co-operative principles and the desire to help people to put them into practice.

You will be employed in the economic Development section of the Town Manager's office but will be a full time secondment to Basildon & District CDA Ltd.

Please quote reference: TM31/G.

Closing date: 8 May 1985.

Further details and an application form are available from the Personnel Section (Recruitment), Basildon Council, Council Offices, Fodderwick, Basildon, Essex. Telephone Basildon 294216 (answering 'phone service).

For further information or enquiries during office hours only, telephone Basildon 294267/8.

The Council welcomes applicants regardless of race, sex, marital status or disability.

This advertisement appears with the agreement of the New Towns Staff Commission.

BASILDON
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MONTGOMERY TRUST FOR NATURE CONSERVATION

Vacancy for post of

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

3 year contract (N.C.C. assisted) for person to take responsibility for the development and growth of this county wildlife conservation trust.

Also vacancy for

COUNTRYSIDE OFFICER

3 year contract (Countryside Commission assisted) for person to implement the Trust's conservation programme.

Both posts over 25 years of age. Starting salaries in the region of £6,800 p.a.

Apply for full details (s.a.e.) to Hon. Sec., M.T.N.C., 8 Severn Square, Newtown, Powys.

Closing date for applications is 3rd May.

COMMUNITY WORK

CARE OF THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED
16 Selly Wick Road,
Birmingham B29 7JA

OFFICER-IN-CHARGE

Salary: Local Authority Scale. Grade 3

Officer-in-Charge required for a voluntary home for 3 severely mentally handicapped ambulant, non-communicating children. Emphasis on creating a caring and stimulating environment to aid their development. Close working relationship with day school for mentally handicapped children. Attractive adapted house in pleasant surroundings. Accommodation available. Previous relevant experience essential; preference given for management skills and for appropriate qualifications.

Application forms:
The Secretary,
Selly Wick Project,
39 Sir Harry's Road,
Birmingham M15 2UR

Closing date for applications May 4, 1985.

SIMON COMMUNITY (Glasgow)

Simon Community is looking for women who can commit themselves to 18 months full-time, voluntary, residential work.

You would be working in our house on Clydeside which accommodates up to six women with a long history of homelessness and alcohol-related problems.

Volunteers live-in, and share with the women in the running of the house.

Experience of community living and/or work with homeless preferred, but not essential. Full support and training opportunities.

For details, telephone
Anna, Tim, or Clive on
041-221 1089

ADMINISTRATION

Leonard Cheshire Home

Dolywern, Llangollen, North Wales

ADMINISTRATOR (HEAD OF HOME)

Salary in accordance with N.J.C. Scale 7

Dolywern is a Home of 40 Physically Disabled men and women and is situated in the beautiful Ceiriog Valley. Applicants should be experienced in Administration and Bookkeeping, previous experience in Residential Care would be an advantage.

The Administrator is responsible to the Management Committee for all aspects relating to the running of the Home, and has a Head of Care who is responsible for the Nursing Staff and the Medical Matters. A committed interest in the welfare of the disabled is essential.

Please write for an application form to:—
The Chairman,
DOLYWERN HOME, CHESHIRE
Llangollen, Clywd, North Wales.

THE PLANNING EXCHANGE

PROMOTING INNOVATION AND EFFECTIVENESS IN LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The emergence of the Planning Exchange as a leading provider of information and practical research services for local economic development has created an opportunity for a

PROGRAMME OFFICER
(within range £10,000-£12,000)

- Responsible for managing and editing LEDIS, the Local Economic Development Information Service, a monthly publication of case-studies of local economic initiatives.
- Contributing to other areas of economic development work, including practical research, the organisation of seminars, and new extensions to the LEDIS service.

Candidates should demonstrate writing ability and a genuine concern for communication that is clear and to the point. They should have preferably experience of work or research in local economic development and a track record which shows initiative, acceptance of responsibility and an ability to achieve results. Awareness of marketing concepts and practice and working knowledge of a European language would be advantageous.

The Planning Exchange is a non-profit-making company limited by guarantee, drawing its income from membership subscriptions from public authorities and other bodies, and increasingly, from its services including publications and contract work.

Please phone for further details from Helen Glass, The Planning Exchange, 186 Bath Street, Glasgow G2 4HG. (041-332 6541). Deadline for applications including full c.v. and relevant supporting material by 6th May.

Committee Clerk

£7,212-£10,764

Required in the Secretariat which services the Policy and Resources Committee, together with a number of Important Sub-Committees, Member Panels and Officer Working Groups.

The post is on a career grade and the appointment initially is likely to be within £7,212- £8,181. Committee meetings are held during evenings for which overtime is paid or time in lieu is given. We also operate a flexible working hours scheme.

If you are qualified or part-qualified or have good relevant experience we would like to hear from you.

Application forms and further details from: The Management Secretary, Room 320, Civic Offices, Broadway, Bexleyheath, Kent DA6 7LB, (01-303 7777 ext 2011). Closing date: 10th May, 1985.

Bexley London Borough

Principal Planning Officer
(Computer Adviser)

Scale PO B/C (£11,259-£13,326 per annum)

The Research and Intelligence Unit of the County Planning and Development Department requires a suitably qualified person to help organise and develop its computer services.

The County Council operates twin IBM 4341 processors to which the department has access via some 25 terminals and PCs operating under VM/CMS, with applications being developed in FORTRAN, PL/1, APL, EASYTRIEVE, ADI, and ADRS.

The successful applicant will need to demonstrate proven achievements in project development and management, preferably in the planning field. The duties of this post will primarily consist of the development of comprehensive management and technical information systems, support of existing technical applications and training and education of professionals in the use of computing facilities.

Applicants should possess an appropriate degree or equivalent qualification together with appropriate experience in systems analysis.

Application forms and further details from the County Planning and Development Officer, Martin Street, Stafford ST16 2LE. The closing date for applications is the 7th May 1985.

Trade Union membership desirable

Staffordshire County Council

CHIEF ACCOUNTANT

£13,590 — £14,855
Based at Potters Bar, Herts

Benefits include Contributory Pension Scheme and Holiday Entitlement of 23 days

Applications are invited for the above vacancy. The successful applicant will probably be a qualified professional, although part qualified persons with a sound experience of housing association finance will be considered. Reporting to the Director of Finance the Chief Accountant will be responsible for the financial administration and control of the association and will have the assistance of six staff. Most accounting records are now fully computerised.

WPHT Housing Association together with its daughter associations manage our 5,000 units based on strong management teams, at both voluntary committee and staff levels. The small Head Office team headed by the Chief Executive, provides Financial and Secretarial Administration back-up for the regions.

Application forms and job descriptions available from Mrs C.G. Warr, WPHT Housing Association, Prospect House, Wyllyotts Manor, Darkes Lane, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 2QW. Telephone: Potters Bar 45171.

The Association welcomes applications from all sections of the community.

Closing date: May 10th, 1985.

wpht HOUSING ASSOCIATION

CENTRAL COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN SOCIAL WORK

Two posts for Developmental Work

Salary up to £16,858 p.a. (inc. L.W.A.)

To join the Central Office Division responsible for developmental and liaison work in response to the changing demands of practice. One postholder will have a varied workload relating to client groups, services and settings. The other is likely, at least for a period, to be allocated responsibilities relating to developments in training for care in the community, with particular reference to work with mentally handicapped people.

Previous employment in higher education will be an advantage. Candidates should be qualified and experienced in social work, or in a field relevant to work with mentally handicapped people. Secretarial arrangements would be considered.

Informal enquiries to Hugh Barr or Elizabeth Wulff-Cochrane (Ext. 225/6) will be welcomed. Further details and application form from Personnel Section, CCETSW, Derbyshire House, St. Chad's Street, London, WC1H 8AD. Telephone 01 278 2455 Ext. 236.

Completed applications should be received by: Friday, 10th May, 1985.

CCETSW

ST. THOMAS' HOSPITAL SPECIAL TRUSTEES

The Special Trustees require an Administrator with appropriate experience in the investment and management of a large charitable fund used to support research, education and health care projects in the Hospital and surrounding community. Salary will be in line with the Scale for District Administrators in the NHS (currently £22,950 to £25,957, inclusive of London Weighting).

Further details may be obtained from the present Administrator, Mr. J. L. W. Ellacombe, who is retiring in September, at the following address:

Special Trustees, St. Thomas' Hospital, London, SE1 7EH, or telephone 01-928 4506.

Closing date for applications 17th May, 1985.

DO YOU APPEAL TO PEOPLE? THEN COME AND APPEAL FOR US...

War on Want is Britain's fastest growing third world development agency, tackling the causes of poverty in Asia, Africa and Central America. We are appointing **2 APPEALS OFFICERS.** We are looking for creative and imaginative people with flair to develop existing and new ways of raising money for War on Want's programmes and campaigns.

Experience in charity fundraising, public relations or advertising is desirable but not essential.

Salary £10,141.

For job description and application form please send sae to:
The Personnel Office, War on Want, 1 London Bridge Street, London SE1.

Closing date for returned application forms is **Friday, 17th May, 1985.**

WAR ON WANT IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES EMPLOYER.

WAR ON WANT

ONLINE THE LEISURE INFORMATION COMPANY
requires

SPORTS INFORMATION OFFICER

with high motivation, energy and commitment for New Sports Information Service for Londoners.

A good knowledge of sport in the London region experience of working with information systems and a flair for phone line work are all essential. Applicants will be preferably qualified in Librarianship or information science. Shift system involves some Weekend Work. Salary £7,000-£7,656 per annum. Further details and application form from: **Online Leisure Information, 44 Earlham Street, London WC2H 9LA. Tel. 01-222 4640.**

Online Leisure Information is an equal opportunities employer. All applicants are considered on the basis of suitability for the job irrespective of disability, race, sex or marital status.

CND Campaigns Organiser

CND requires a national campaigns organiser to work in CND's Projects Department.

She will be responsible for organising national campaigns designed to enable CND groups to take the arguments for nuclear disarmament to the public. Currently the main responsibility is with the campaign against the British Trident programme.

We are looking for a resourceful and imaginative person who is familiar with working in a team. An ability to work well under pressure is essential.

Some evening and weekend work will be required. Salary £7,932 inclusive London Weighting. Pay parity in operation. Holidays 25 days p.a.

Application forms and job description available from:
FRED BARKER, CND,
11 GOODWIN STREET, LONDON N4 3HQ.

Closing date 10th May.
Interview date. 24th May.

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TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT WORKER

The CDP has a proven reputation in the field of training professional groups. A worker is required to develop, organise and tutor courses and materials on working with Problem Drug Takers for a wide range of professional and community groups, and to assist them in the development of responses to problem drug takers.

Experience in adult, social work or health education and course design essential. Car owner preferred.

YOUTH WORKER

Young people figure highly in our client group. A worker is required to work with young people during early and advanced involvement with drug use; to offer support and counselling; to develop responses to meet their particular needs; and to offer advice to other professionals and parents.

Salary for both posts £9,510 p.a. inclusive.

Telephone for details 01-703 0757 or 01-703 0759

Closing date 10th May 1985.

BRENT PEOPLE'S HOUSING ASSOCIATION

DEPUTY HOUSING MANAGER

PO1 £12,036-£12,339 (inclusive of London Weighting)

This challenging position has special responsibilities for arrears control, high level Housing Benefit liaison, Departmental Administration, including a further development of computer-based systems and in-house training. The successful candidate will almost certainly possess the I.H.M. and have five years' relevant experience. Proven supervisory skills and a high level of commitment and motivation are essential. Must be car owner/driver.

BPHA is an Equal Opportunities Employer.

Application forms and job descriptions from: Julie Amber, Personnel Officer, Brent People's Housing Association Ltd., Park House, Manor Park Road, London NW10 4LB. Tel: 01-961 4804, or for an informal discussion telephone: Brendan Bird, Housing Manager — 01-961 4804.

THE MEDICAL COLLEGE OF ST BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL

PERSONNEL ASSISTANT

Salary Scale £6,617 p.a. to £7,632 p.a.

We require someone to assist the Personnel Officer with the full range of personnel duties, as well as having specific responsibilities for certain groups of staff.

Applicants should communicate well, and be able to deal with a wide range of duties with initiative and confidence. It is likely that the successful applicant will be a graduate, ideally with some practical experience of personnel work.

The post will be available in July.

If you wish to apply please send a full c.v. with the names of two referees to The Secretary, The Medical College of St Bartholomew's Hospital, West Smithfield, London EC1A 7BE.

Closing date: 7th May, 1985.

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GLC
Working for London

Central Training Manager

This challenging and influential position takes a leading role in implementing the Council's equal opportunities policies and positive action programme and is responsible for running a 30-strong division with a budget of £1.6M.

Responsibilities include co-ordinating and providing professional supervision and support to all in-service training activities and developing new training programmes, particularly those geared to promoting equal opportunities for women, ethnic minorities, people with disabilities and other disadvantaged groups.

The expertise of an innovative training specialist is required, with a solid background in direct training in management or adult education generally. Proven organisational and management skills and an understanding of staff development issues are also essential.

Salary: £16,629–£18,489 inclusive.

For an application form, to be returned by 10th May 1985, write to: GLC Personnel Department, Room 325, The County Hall, SE1 7PB or telephone 01-633 5728/6650.

Training Officer

To manage and develop training programmes for the 1,400 manual/craft and 700 white collar staff employed by the Department of Recreation and the Arts.
Responsibilities cover administering the department's Horticultural Training Centre at Finsbury Park, assisting with the development of the new Staff Appraisal Scheme and researching and implementing training plans with reference to equal opportunities initiatives.

A sound practical personnel background — with an emphasis on the training field, is needed. This should be coupled with good communication skills, proven organisational and staff management expertise with an understanding of staff development issues and commitment to using these channels to promote equal opportunities.

Salary: £13,065–£14,781 inclusive.

For an application form, to be returned by 10th May 1985, write to: GLC Department for Recreation & the Arts, Room 686, The County Hall, SE1 7PB or telephone 01-633 1666.

PA to Unit Heads
Women's Committee Support Unit

The Women's Committee takes an active role in supporting and promoting the interests of women in London and an opening has now arisen for someone with an understanding of women's issues and a commitment to the Committee's aims.

In providing secretarial, administrative and policy back up and assistance to the Unit's joint Heads, this post will be concerned with the whole range of the Unit's work. The highly varied workload includes research and drafting correspondence/briefs, minuting meetings, dealing with enquiries and liaising within the Council and with outside groups and organisations.

Experience of policy work and drafting is essential together with good typing and shorthand, audio or wordprocessing skills. The ability to organise and prioritise a pressurised workload and to establish basic office systems is also essential.

Salary: £9,255–£11,325 inclusive.

For an application form, to be returned by 10th May 1985, write to: GLC Director-General's Department, Ref: 6015, Room 203, The County Hall, SE1 7PB or telephone 01-633 1527.

Programme Officers

These appointments are with the Programme Office, a multi-disciplinary unit which plays a leading role in the management of the Council in ensuring the efficient implementation of its policies.

Work is undertaken in close co-operation with Members and senior officers and covers a wide range of functions, from performance monitoring to carrying out policy analysis and "troubleshooting". Co-ordinating the programme of financial assistance to London's "stress" Boroughs is a key area of activity.

The ability to quickly acquire an understanding of the relevant local authority management and information systems is essential and these positions offer scope for creativity and innovation in initiating improvements. Good communication and interpersonal skills are prerequisite.

Appointments are at two levels:

Senior Programme Officer
Salary: £14,781–£16,545 inclusive. Ref: 6021.

Programme Officer
Salary: £13,065–£14,781 inclusive. Ref: 6022.

For an application form, to be returned by 10th May 1985, write to: GLC Director-General's Department, Room 203, The County Hall, SE1 7PB or telephone 01-633 1527. Please quote appropriate reference.

Equal Opportunities Officer

An interest in and commitment to implementing equal opportunities initiatives in employment, particularly in relation to the needs of Asian staff is vitally important for this post, which plays a leading role in opening up opportunities within the Council to ethnic minorities, women, people with disabilities and other disadvantaged groups.

Work is undertaken on a team basis and broadly involves projects to develop positive action courses/workshops and access to training together with casework and research into eliminating policies/practices which prevent the full operation of the Council's Equal Opportunities Policy. There is a strong consultancy element, in advising management and individuals and in working with the Departments to increase recruitment and promotion opportunities for all groups indentified.

This calls for the capacity to initiate and implement projects and new areas of activity and strong communications skills, backed by experience/knowledge of the training and educational needs of ethnic minorities.

This is an area of the Council's work where there is under-representation of Asian staff therefore we would welcome applications from suitably qualified Asian men and women for this post.

Salary: £13,065–£14,781 inclusive.

For an application form, to be returned by 10th May 1985, write to: GLC Personnel Department, Room 325, The County Hall, SE1 7PB or telephone 01-633 5728/6650.

LONDON AGAINST RACISM

The GLC is an equal opportunities employer. We invite applications from women and men from all sections of the community, irrespective of their ethnic origin, colour, sexual orientation or disability, who have the necessary attributes to do the job.

These posts are suitable for job sharing

TACKLING YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT — A POSITIVE APPROACH

Are you concerned about the problems facing young people?

Could you lead a team of diverse people whose job it is to help them cope with life today?

Community Industry (CI) provides work for 7,000 young people each year in 57 areas throughout Great Britain. Funded by Central and Local Government, the work undertaken is of benefit to the Community. By giving individual support and guidance to the young people, CI aims to develop their work and social skills.

Our operations in NORTH TYNE, SOUTH HAMPSHIRE and SEFTON (Merseyside) each need someone with a broad-based experience, preferably including the management of people, finance and materials to fill the post of:

AREA MANAGER

You will need to be fit and active; possess a current driving licence; have imagination, initiative and drive; be committed to our equal opportunities policy and be a good communicator. Knowledge of employment legislation, industrial relations and public-funded organisations would be useful.

Relevant life experience may be just as valuable as formal qualifications and professional experience. We welcome applications from women and men from all sections of the community.

We offer good conditions of service; a contributory superannuation scheme and a starting salary of £9,477 pa rising to £11,025 pa.

Further details and application form from: The Personnel Manager, Community Industry, 24 Highbury Crescent, London N5 1RX. Telephone: 01-226 6951.

Completed application forms to be returned by: 10th May, 1985.

Community Industry

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES IN WYCOMBE?

TEAM LEADER (Community Resources)

Salary: £10,716 — £11,562

COMMUNITY WORKERS (Two Posts)

Salary: £7,746 — £10,716

(subject to experience and professional evaluations).

An exciting new opportunity exists to develop community resources in High Wycombe. We are creating a new team which we hope will help us to make sense of:

— our use of community workers.
— the special problems of the ethnic minority population in the town.
— our use of volunteers.
— the need for welfare rights advice.

Applicants for all posts should be qualified as social workers or community workers. Applicants for the team leader post should have experience of developing resources in the community, collaboration with statutory and voluntary agencies and some experience of supervision.

For informal discussion contact Miss Jennifer Ruddick, Area Manager on High Wycombe (0494) 442277.

For further information and application forms please contact the Director of Social Services, County Hall, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP20 1EZ. Telephone Aylesbury (0296) 5000 extension 512.

Closing date: 13th May, 1985.

An equal opportunity employer.

Buckinghamshire

Lake District Special Planning Board

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

(Salary Scale £17,649 x £447 (4) to £19,437 pa)

The Board, which is the unitary planning body and National Park Authority for the country's largest national park, seeks applications from suitably qualified and experienced persons to direct its Administrative Services. The person appointed will deputise for the National Park Officer in all administrative matters and will serve as a member of the Senior Management Team.
The successful applicant will have knowledge and experience of modern management methods, local government administration including servicing of committees, current personnel policies and practices and modern office technology.
Desirable also is knowledge of National Parks or countryside matters, including legal and financial issues relevant to the National Park system.
The post is subject to the conditions of service of the JNC for Local Authorities, Chief Officers and to the Local Government Superannuation Scheme. Assistance will be given with relocation expenses in appropriate cases.
Further particulars, application form and job description may be obtained from the National Park Officer, Busher Walk, Kendal LA9 4RH to whom completed application forms should be sent to arrive not later than by first post on 10th May, 1985. Interviews will take place on 24th May, 1985.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND ISLE OF ELY NATURALIST TRUST LIMITED

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

To take responsibility for the development of all aspects of the membership of CAMBIENT including education, interpretation and voluntary work as well as the day-to-day organisation of Trust affairs.

Conservation background essential.

Five day week with some evening and weekend work, 6 weeks holiday.
Salary around £5,500 starting as soon as possible.

Applications with C.V. and names of 2 referees by 24th May to: The Chairman of Executive, CAMBIENT, 1 Brookside, Cambridge CB2 1JF.

ECUADOR AGRICULTURAL ENGINEER

CIIR

AN ECUADOREAN development organisation providing services for Andean peasant communities in health, culture, agriculture and appropriate technology needs an agricultural engineer to design and make simple, low cost farming implements. The engineer will be researching and testing prototypes, and setting up a simple production workshop with local people. The engineer will work with a team devising a programme to control erosion and improve soil productivity. Practical design, and wood and metal working skills are needed, as well as a training in agricultural engineering. Spanish language training can be provided. Two year contract, including basic salary, return flights to Britain, insurance, and various allowances. CIIR can only consider applicants without dependants.
For a job description and application form, please send your cv and a large SAE to: CIIR Overseas Programme, 22 Coleman Fields, London N1 7AF, quoting ref GPA4.

EXETER CITY COUNCIL

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND PROPERTY

(£19,332–£21,267)

DIRECTOR OF LEISURE AND TOURISM

(£18,105–£19,917)

Following a major restructuring of its Committees and Departments, the City Council is inviting applications for the two new Chief Officer posts of (a) Director of Planning and Property and (b) Director of Leisure and Tourism.
The Planning and Property Department will comprise Planning Control, Design and Development, Property Maintenance and Estates and Valuation. A relevant professional qualification e.g. RTPI, RICS, RIBA, is necessary.
The Leisure and Tourism Department will comprise all Council activities relating to recreation, the arts, tourism and the museum service. No specific professional discipline is required but a professional training in a related area is essential.
Both posts form part of the Chief Officer Group; proven experience in resource management at a most senior level in either the public or private sector is essential.
If you are attracted by the challenge of creating a major new council department in an historic, beautiful, yet progressive city and would like further details, please contact the Personnel Officer, Room 3.17, Exeter City Council, Civic Centre, EXETER EX1 1JN. Telephone EXETER (0392) 77888, Ext 2125.
Closing date for completed applications is Monday, 13th May. Interviews will be held near the 31st May.

UNIVERSITIES

UMIST
INTEGRATED CIRCUIT DESIGN AND TEST CENTRE
(2) PROJECT OFFICERS

The Centre provides a fast turnround I.C. prototyping service for the U.K. research community by implementing designs on the Ferranti Uncommitted Logic Array (U.L.A.).

The Project Officers will be responsible for the design, layout, assembly and testing of custom / semi-custom integrated circuits. Applicants must possess an appropriate qualification in electrical or electronic engineering and should preferably have had several years' experience in the design of digital systems. Some knowledge of I.C. technology and modern C.A.D. techniques would also be desirable, although training in these areas will be provided where necessary. The appointment will initially be for a two-year period with a strong possibility of continuation beyond that.

Salary scale in the range £6,660 to £12,150 p.a. Informal inquiries can be made by contacting Dr P. J. Hicks on 061-236 3311, Ext. 2053.

Request for application forms, quoting reference EEE/64, should be sent to The Establishment Section, Registrar's Department, UMIST, P.O. Box 88, Manchester, M60 1QD. The closing date for applications is May 31, 1985.

ARCHITECTS & PLANNERS

BRECON BEACONS NATIONAL PARK
SENIOR DEVELOPMENT CONTROL OFFICER
Salary Scale PO (2-5) £11,035-£11,880

Applications are invited for this Brecon based post. Applicants should preferably be Chartered Town Planners with appropriate development control experience at a senior level. An architectural qualification would be an advantage.

The successful applicant will lead a small team of two Area Planning Officers and one Enforcement Officer.

Application forms and further details are available from the National Park Officer, 7 Glamorgan Street, Brecon, Powys LD3 7DP. Telephone Brecon 4437. Closing date for completed forms, Wednesday, May 15, 1985.

ENGINEERS & SURVEYORS

Humberside County Council
COUNTY ARCHITECTS

AREA BUILDING SURVEYORS

CA 128, CA129 (TWO POSTS)

Scale 4/5 — £6,555-£8,265

Divisional Maintenance Office, Grosser Hall Area and County Hall, Beverley

Following departmental reorganisation the above posts have become vacant within the Building Maintenance Section.

The successful applicant will be part of a team working under the control of a Principal Building Surveyor in preparing specifications for planned maintenance and minor improvements works and will supervise maintenance works and special projects as required and such other duties as the County Architect may decide.

An appropriate qualification (e.g. C.I.O.B., R.I.C.S. H.TEC in Building) will be an advantage.

Closing date: May 3, 1985.

Application form from: County Architect, County Hall, Beverley, North Humberside HU17 9BA.

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Housing Finance

£14,928 to £17,149 Croydon

The Housing Corporation is a progressive organisation which promotes, funds and supervises registered housing associations, working with them to provide homes for people in need. We currently administer a housing development budget of around £820 million, as well as providing guarantee facilities of £126 million to the voluntary housing movement.

As FINANCE OFFICER you will:
– be the senior finance professional in the Croydon office providing financial advice to regional management and housing associations.
– play a key role as part of the regional management team.
– manage a team of 14 financing and accounting for housing schemes in the region.

We are looking for a fully qualified accountant who has experience of computer-based accounting systems in either the public or private sector, and a broad knowledge of public finance.

We are offering a generous benefits package which includes an index-linked pension and flexible working hours.

Please apply in writing with a full c.v. to: Vivienne Colchester, Principal Personnel Officer, The Housing Corporation, 149 Tottenham Court Road, London W1P 0BN. Tel: 01-387 9466.

The Housing Corporation

BRITISH AGENCIES FOR ADOPTION AND FOSTERING

BLACK ISSUES PROJECT WORKER

Salary £11,259 to £12,243 per annum plus London Weighting

This influential children's charity is setting up a project to help social work agencies develop their services for black children in care and their families. This first appointment (to a team of three) will be responsible for the creation of an information service for the development of publications and training aids with an ethnic minority focus and for helping to ensure that the race dimension is fully reflected across the range of BAAF's existing work.

The person appointed will need a sound professional understanding of the issues involved together with a good written and oral communication skill.

BAAF is an equal opportunity employer.

For further details and application forms please write to Finance and Administration Officer, 11 Southwark Street, London SE1 1RQ or telephone 01-407 8800.

Closing date: 17th May, 1985.

UNITED KINGDOM HOUSING TRUST

HOUSING OFFICERS (RESIDENTIAL)

2 POSTS — Salary £7,380 qualified (I.O.H., C.Q.S.W.)
£6,780 unqualified

U.K.H.T. is a charitable fair rent housing association which in its East Midlands region manages over 1,300 tenancies, the majority of which are for single people.

The Trust is seeking two suitably experienced staff to manage properties in Northampton and Derby. Both posts are residential in rent and rate free accommodation, the one in Northampton being on a 128 tenancy single person scheme and second, whilst based on a single person scheme in central Derby will also have responsibility for two nearby schemes for the active elderly and a further scheme in Shirebrook for single people. A driving licence is essential for the latter post. Particular emphasis is placed on an ability to understand and communicate with tenants and the needs of the local communities.
Applications to:

UKHT
Claire Roberts, Personnel Officer, U.K.H.T., 167 Oxford Street, London W1R 1TA. Tel: 01-434 2211.

U.K.H.T. is an equal opportunities employer.

DISABLED HOUSING TRUST
DISABLED ENTERPRISES TRUST

DEPUTY DIRECTOR

We are looking for an exceptional person to fill this demanding but rewarding position.

The chosen candidate will take a large measure of responsibility for the running of a unique sheltered housing scheme for disabled people of all ages. He or she will also be expected to initiate and follow through new developments in DHT and, in particular, for its daughter charity The Disabled Enterprises Trust (a scheme to encourage disabled people to develop their own skills).

A social work qualification might be useful, but is not essential. Far more important is the requirement that the Deputy Director should be both an able administrator and good at working alongside people. He or she needs also to be an effective communicator.

We will expect to see evidence of a personal empathy with disabled people and a caring concern for the enhancement of the quality of their lives.

SALARY: £12,500 plus benefits

Please apply in writing enclosing c.v. to: The Director, The Disabled Housing Trust, 6 Oakenfield, Burgess Hill, Sussex RH15 8SJ.

DISABLED HOUSING TRUST AND DISABLED ENTERPRISES TRUST

Derbyshire Co-operative Development Agency Ltd

Equal Opportunity Employer

Derbyshire CDA promotes and assists the establishment of worker co-ops in Derbyshire. We are now looking for three energetic and committed people to join our team and help build on our success.

TWO CO-OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT WORKERS
Based in Derby and Glossop

The job involves all aspects of advice and support to new and existing worker co-ops. As well as liaison with statutory bodies the persons appointed will be expected to assist in training and promotional programmes. Commitment to and experience of this expanding economic sector will be considered more important than formal qualifications.

FIELDWORKER/ ACCOUNTANT
Based in Chesterfield

This important post has been created to assist with the administration of a new revolving loan fund. Considerable time will be spent in the field working closely with worker co-ops in all aspects of financial management, liaison with banks, the Inland Revenue, etc. Additionally, this person will be expected to assist with other development work. A formal accountancy qualification is preferred, but practical experience of the co-operative or small firms sector is essential.
Salary: All posts £9,477 (SO1).
A full driving licence is required. Relocation expenses and car loan will be considered for suitable applicants.
For further details and application form write to: John Whithy, Derbyshire C.D.A., 3 The Strand Arcade, Derby DE1 1BQ. Closing date 18th May, 1985.

Promoting Workers' Co-operatives in Derbyshire

Middlesbrough Borough Council

BOROUGH SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT

Principal Assistant Secretary

£12243 — £13326

We are located in the heart of Cleveland County and have achieved a great deal since 1974. Members and officers work together on the framework of sophisticated policy making processes which are challenging and effective. As a programme Authority we can produce more than many and all of this in a setting where town and country mix in an attractive manner.

We need a solicitor to join the team in my Department. This is a third tier post with considerable input to planning, litigation and "non-conveyancing" activities and also advising Committees. A lawyer is wanted who can not only demonstrate professional and personal qualities but who looks as if he or she would get as much from us in terms of experience and work satisfaction as we ourselves would demand in terms of implementing our plans for the future.

Write to me for further details or, if you prefer an informal discussion phone me (ext 3541) or Colin Crossman (Ext 3528) at (0642) 245432. Applications will close on 10 May 1985.

Address: Stephen Robinson, Borough Secretary, PO Box 99A, Municipal Buildings, Middlesbrough, Cleveland TS1 2QQ.

It is the policy of Middlesbrough Borough Council to provide equal employment opportunities and consideration will be given to all suitably experienced and qualified applicants regardless of handicap, sex or race.

The Council has a policy of inviting for interview all disabled persons who have the written support of their Disablement Resettlement Officer.

Job Sharing facilities are available.

INNER LONDON EDUCATION AUTHORITY

FULHAM GIRLS' PROJECT

683 Fulham Road, SW6
Scale 3H

SENIOR WORKER

required for this well established project. Must have experience of, and commitment to, work with girls and young women, ability to motivate and support staff and a clear commitment to the Authority's anti-racist and anti-sexist policies.

Scale 3L

DETACHED WORKER

also required to assist the senior worker to consolidate and expand the project's work with girls and young women. Experience of detached/project work, together with an understanding of, *and commitment to, the needs of girls and young* women.

For further information and application forms for both posts please contact Hammersmith & Fulham *Area Youth Office, 91-115 Glenthorne Road, W6* 0LJ. Tel.: 741 0517.

WOMAN OUTREACH WORKER

to work with women and men sleeping out in Central London

She will fill a vacancy in a team of outreach workers to contact, advise and assist homeless people. Streetwork is an integral part of the job which involves some evening and night work. Experience in any of the following would be desirable: work with homeless people; problem drinkers; welfare/housing rights; counselling; campaigning.

THAMES REACH H.A. is an independent, non-statutory project, presently funded by the GLC. In addition to the Outreach Team, accommodation for people sleeping out is currently under development.

Salary AP6 pt 28 NJC—£9,780 (inclusive of L.W.).

Further information, job description and application form available from: Chris Smith-Gillespie, THAMES REACH H.A., 33/34 Craven Street, London WC2N 5NP. Tel.: 01-930 4218. Closing date for applications: 13th May.

THAMES REACH is an equal opportunities employer.

THAMES REACH Housing Association is funded by the GLC. Alternative funding is being negotiated.

THAMES REACH HOUSING ASSOCIATION

This post falls within Section 7 (II) (e) of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975.

CHIEF EXECUTIVES DEPARTMENT

Assistant Solicitor

Salary Scale PO (h) £11,025 — £11,880

Applications are invited for the above post in the Chief Executive's Department. The successful applicant would be responsible for a wide range of legal work in a small but busy office. In addition, the person appointed would be required to give legal advice and assistance to Offices of the Authority and Members of the Council as requested and to attend meetings of the Council as required.

Previous local government experience desirous but not essential. Only admitted Solicitors need a apply.

West Lindsey District Council is situated in North Lincolnshire, has a population of approximately 77,000, covers some 450 sq. miles and embraces a contrasting environment.

In approved cases removal and disturbance allowances are payable and temporary housing may be considered.

Application forms, job description etc., are available from Andrew Macdonald, Personnel Officer, The Guildhall, Gainsborough, Lincs. DN21 2DH (Tel: Gainsborough 5411 ext. 212) to whom completed forms must be returned by Friday 17th May 1985.

West Lindsey District Council

ETHNIC MINORITIES ON YTS

Initial research by the West Midlands County Council sponsored YTS Research Project has demonstrated that ethnic minority trainees are not getting equal treatment on YTS.
The project now requires a:

RESEARCHER

£8,532-£9,114 per annum — Post Ref. EDR/3

The post will be funded until March 31st, 1986, with a possible extension of a further 6 months.
The worker will concentrate on finding out why and how black trainees experience unequal treatment on YTS and will be expected to produce written reports on the various aspects involved. Close liaison with ethnic minority community organisations, the labour movement, employers and sponsors *of schemes would be expected.* Research experience and/or knowledge of YTS would be preferable.
For more information contact 021-300 6608/9.
For application forms please contact 021-300 7825 or write to County Personnel Officer, West Midlands County Council, County Hall, 1 Lancaster Circus, Queensway, Birmingham B4 7DJ.
The appointment will be made on an equal opportunity basis and applications from women, ethnic minorities and the disabled are encouraged. Job Sharers and secondments would be considered.
Closing date for receipt of applications: 8th May, 1985.

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COULD YOU SPEAK THE PUBLIC'S MIND ON TODAY'S NHS ISSUES?

Community Health Councils are independent bodies, set up to air the public's views to NHS management, on a local level.

The Senior full time, salaried officer of the Council is an organising Secretary, responsible for the effective running of the CHC. A vacancy has arisen at the Wolverhampton CHC.

Candidates are generally aged 25+ with good educational qualifications, articulate, diplomatic and experienced administrators, preferably with some previous Health Service, Social Service or voluntary work experience.

It's a fascinating job bringing you into contact with a range of people from one-man crusaders to minority pressure groups, with fresh topics arising daily, from surveys into patients' perceptions of the service to discussions about ward closures.

Salary (NHS Scale 9) is in the range £8,744 to £10,739 per annum. New entrants to the NHS commence at the minimum of the scale.

For an application form and job description, write quoting WOL/CHC to Personnel Division, West Midlands Regional Health Authority, 200 Broad Street, Birmingham B15 1SW (021 643 5781). Completed application forms to be returned by 10th May 1985. Present CHC Secretary, Mr. G. Walsh (Wolverhampton 29242) may be contacted for further information.

West Midlands Regional Health Authority

Economic Development Officer

Negotiable Salary from £15,000

Lancaster has, through Enterprise Lancaster, an excellent record in the encouragement of industry and commerce, maximising to the full its ideal location alongside the M6, its position on the inter-city rail network, and proximity to two national parks and areas of outstanding natural Beauty.

This appointment is an expansion of Enterprise Lancaster and is directly responsible to the Town Clerk. This new post will involve liaising with industry and commerce in order to recommend, promote and review the Council's economic strategy designed to increase employment opportunities by the retention and expansion of existing, and the attraction and development of new, enterprises. The person appointed will be involved in providing aid, advice and incentive to new and small businesses, the preparation of promotion and marketing plans and be the principal focus and information point for the Lancaster economic development plans.

Applicants, of high academic ability, should have sound experience at senior management level, gained either in the public or private sectors, and ideally some marketing experience in the development of industry or commerce. Personal qualities which will be sought include the ability to generate enthusiasm and interest, show entrepreneurial skills in achieving results and the ability to retain an objectivity in the treatment of people and business proposals.

The position is initially on a three year fixed contract.

Further details are available from the undersigned (no application forms). Formal application, giving the names of two referees should be received not later than Thursday, 9th May, 1985. Telephone Lancaster (0524) 65272 extension 234.

W. PEARSON, Town Clerk
Town Hall, Lancaster

Lancaster CITY COUNCIL

HOLLOWAY YOUTH WORKSHOPS LIMITED

(A New Initiative in Skills Training)

Holloway Youth Workshops Limited is a Y.T.S. Workshops Company funded by the M.S.C. and Islington Council and set up to meet the training needs of young people in the area. The Project has been conceived from a black detached youth project in the Finsbury area. We are seeking employees who can identify with the objectives of the Workshops and harness a meaningful development of the clients potential. HYWL is a forty place Workshop.

5 POSTS

WORKSHOP MANAGER: Starting c. £11,000

Required to coordinate the Training, Marketing, Production and Financial Functions. Ensuring the implementation of agreed policies, procedures and methods in accordance with M.S.C. and Board of Directors guidelines. Managerial experience essential. Ability to relate to the needs of young people required.

EMPLOYMENT & DEVELOPMENT WORKER c. £9,750

Required to recruit and develop a programme of support to trainees, and to research and develop employment programmes from which trainees will benefit. Background in Employment / Community work essential. Evidence of sound training and qualification required.

BOOKKEEPER/ADMINISTRATOR: c. £9,252

To take responsibility for all financial / administrative matters including accounts, P.A.Y.E., S.S.P., V.A.T., trainees allowances etc. Accurate typing essential. Ability to work with young people and sound experience in business / commerce desirable.

OFFICE SUPERVISOR: c. £8,772

The day to day control of the office service including reception and cooperation with the Bookkeeper / Administrator in ensuring the efficient and effective operation of all internal systems. Supervisory experience in office practice essential.

SUPERVISOR CARPENTRY: c. £8,772

Should have had industrial experience in woodworking. Machine shops preferably in supervisory capacity. Knowledge of woodworking machine regulations essential.

For information and application forms, please phone or write to:
Holloway Youth Workshops Ltd.,
36-38 Queensland Road, London N7
Tel. 01-609 4735/6

Closing date: 17th May 1985.

Personnel and Training Officer for development charity

VSO is a development charity with over 1,000 skilled volunteers working in many of the world's less developed countries.

We need, at our London office, a Personnel and Training Officer to make a creative and energetic contribution to our programme of pre-departure orientation and training for volunteers and to our recruitment and training of staff.

Candidates must have: experience of planning and conducting training courses using a variety of techniques; excellent communication and administrative skills and a real interest in overseas development. Previous experience of working/living overseas and of staff selection would be very useful.

Benefits include 25 workingdays holiday, a contributory pension scheme, season ticket loans and 50p per day LVs. Salary on a scale £8,128 – £9,782 (next review 1.7.85).

For further details and an application form please contact Alison Peach, VSO, 9 Belgrave Square, SW1X 8PW. Tel 01-235 5191. Closing date 10 May 1985.

VSO VOLUNTARY SERVICE OVERSEAS

VSO is an equal opportunities employer

LONDON WILDLIFE TRUST

ASSISTANT CONSERVATION OFFICER

To assist the Conservation Officer in developing the Trust's work throughout London. A degree in an ecological subject, conservation experience, a knowledge of natural history and a driving licence are essential. The work will also involve dealing with Local Authorities, press liaison and giving talks. Salary in the region of £8,100. Start date: 1st July, 1985. This post is grant aided by the Nature Conservancy Council.

Applications with c.v. to: LWT, 54 King's Grove, London SE15. Closing date: 8th May, 1985.

PARKHEAD HOUSING ASSOCIATION LTD

DIRECTOR

(£12,109 — £13,934 under review)

Parkhead is a long established community-based Housing Association engaged in neighbourhood renewal in the East end of Glasgow, with a substantial number of properties already in management, and an active development programme of rehabilitation projects and potential new build.

The Management Committee has been reviewing internal structures and has decided to create a new post of Director. This will be a key position within the Association, and the person appointed will be directly responsible to the Management Committee for policy formulation and advice on the future development of the Association. He or she will be required to have a very substantial working experience at a senior management level, either in housing associations or in other housing agencies, in particular, experience in forward planning, development and financial management will be essential requirements.

A detailed job description and further information about the Association is available from:

The Secretary,
Parkhead Housing Association Ltd,
84-86 Dechmont Street,
Glasgow G31
Tel. (041) 556 6228/7

to whom application forms should be sent to arrive not later than Friday 10th May 1985.

GENERAL

Derbyshire County Council

INTERPRETATIVE TEAM MEMBERS

The D.C.C. Community Programme Agency invites applications from unemployed people, currently in receipt of benefit, to join its Arkwright Society — Cromford Mill Project in the capacity of Interpretation Team Member.

The vacancies are of a PART-TIME nature (3 days per week — £5,185 pa) and the contract is up to January, 1986.

Applicants should have proven knowledge and ability in the editing and preparation of text, together with the setting up of exhibitions and related promotional literature. Experience in Marketing and/or Audio-Visual Presentation would be advantageous. Written applications should be sent in the first instance to:

Mr Peter Heywood
Project Manager
C/o ARKWRIGHT SOCIETY
Cromford Mill, Lea Road
Cromford, Derbyshire.

Tel.: Wirksworth 3256

Derbyshire County Council is an equal opportunities employer

Derbyshire County Council

RESEARCH ASSISTANTS

DCC Planning Department, together with DCC Community Programme Agency are to design and produce an environmental education resources guide, and have vacancies for part-time research assistants to be based at Darley Dale, Derbyshire. Applicants should have either a teaching certificate or degree in Natural History, Geography, Geology, History or similar, together with a commitment to conservation and outoor education. Length of project 12 months, 3 days (22½ hours) per week, salary £5,238 pro rata £3,185.

This is a Community Programme Scheme and eligibility conditions apply, intending applicants should consult their local job centre for eligibility details, if in doubt.

Please send letters of application/cv's to Mr R. T. Clark, Community Programme Agency, Bramcote House, 19 Cromford Road, Ripley, Derbyshire.

Derbyshire County Council is an Equal Opportunity Employer

Inner London Education Authority

T.H.E.A. The Education Shop
75 Roman Road, London, E2

A FULL-TIME WORKER

required from September, 1985, for an independent education advice and counselling service for adults, located in shop front premises in Bethnal Green. The post is funded by the I.L.E.A., and the worker will be seconded to the service and will be accountable to the Management Committee.

Salary scale in accordance with the Burnham (F.E.) Report, Lecturer Grade 1: £6,948-£11,550 including London allowance.

Inquiries to T.H.E.A., at the above address. Closing date is May 10, 1985. Tel. 01-981 3164.

All posts graded Lecturer 1 to Principal Lecturer are considered suitable for job share. Applications for job share will only be considered if submitted on a paired basis.

ILEA is an equal opportunities employer

HOUSING & PROPERTY SERVICES

Temporary Housing Advisory Officer (Area Improvement)

(Ref. H.71) Salary: £8772-£10,362 pa inc

Lambeth's Housing Advisory Services require Housing Advisory Officer on a temporary contract to provide cover for an Adviser on maternity leave. The vacancy is at Landor Action Centre which provides housing aid in Lambeth's housing action areas and general improvement areas within the private sector.

The main areas of work are landlord and tenant advice and house renovation grants. The postholder will need to work in close liaison with the Environmental Health Directorate.

You will be required to interview members of the public and advise them on their housing problems. You will also work as part of a small team where each Housing Advisory Officer covers two or three geographically defined areas and is expected to acquire a detailed knowledge of his/her areas and to establish good links with the local community.

A working knowledge of landlord and tenant legislation will be essential. Previous experience of housing interview casework will be advantageous. An understanding and appreciation of the needs of this multi-racial inner city community is essential.

No formal qualifications are necessary, an imaginative and flexible approach to problem solving is important.

Although this post is temporary the successful candidate will be made aware of other vacancies within Lambeth as they arise.

Applications will be actively considered from candidates wishing to work on either a full time or part time basis.

Individuals can apply for Job Sharing.

Closing date: 15 May 1985.

Assistant Internal Control Officer

(Ref. H.81) Salary: £8772-£9510 pa inc.

Under the supervision of the Internal Control Officer, the postholder will be required to carry out assessments of the section's performance in the implementation of legislation and Council policies.

In relation to this the postholder will be expected to investigate and highlight any discrepancies and put forward recommendations based on findings.

Previous experience in the use of statistical methods and computer based information would be a distinct advantage. Additionally, sound administrative experience coupled with effective writing skills and analytical ability is an essential requirement.

Individuals may apply for job sharing.

Closing date: 10 May 1985.

Application forms and job descriptions are obtainable from the Personnel Department, Directorate of Housing and Property Services, London Borough of Lambeth, Hambrook House, Porden Road, Brixton SW2. Tel: 01-274 7722 Ext. 2053.

SOCIAL SERVICES

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE SOCIAL SERVICES

The following post is available within a well established training team responsible for implementing Directorate training policy. Training is a key factor in promoting the Council's Equal Opportunities Policy. Successful applicants will be expected to vigorously pursue this Policy and relate training to the needs of black people and other minority groups. Personal experience of such disadvantaged groups would be an advantage. Work experience in a multi-cultural environment and awareness of the needs of a deprived inner city community is needed in addition to the training skills required for this post.

Training Officer

(Ref. SP/10) £11,064-£12,810 pa incl.

We have a vacancy for a full-time Training Officer to join a well established team responsible for a variety of aspects of the professional training of seconded employees.

The postholder will be responsible for those employees seconded to CQSW training and for all aspects of student placements within the Directorate. In addition you will have a key role to play in a variety of training and course activities designed to complement the professional training programme.

Candidates will need to possess and be able to demonstrate in their application a range of skills relevant to this area of adult learning and should have some experience of teaching or training in the statutory or voluntary sector.

Individuals can apply for job-sharing.

For further information please contact Wendy Clark on 01-671 5211.

Closing date: 8 May 1985.

FOR SOCIAL SERVICES APPLICATION FORMS ONLY PLEASE TELEPHONE 01-627 0564 (24 HOUR SERVICE) OR WRITE TO: THE RECRUITMENT SECTION, ROOM 500, 91 CLAPHAM HIGH STREET, LONDON SW4.

Benefits for most posts advertised include flexible working hours, subsidised staff canteen, sickness and superannuation scheme, generous annual leave.

As part of Lambeth's Equal Opportunities Policy, applications are welcome from people regardless of race, creed, nationality, disability, age, sex, sexual orientation or responsibility for children or dependents.

LAMBETH
SERVICES WELL WORTH DEFENDING

HOSTEL SUPERVISORS

St. Mungo is an organisation working for the rehabilitation and resettlement of the single homeless in London.

We now require Supervisors for two of our hostels in Central London.

Candidates should have experience of working with the single homeless, should have a relevant qualification and should be able to work as a member of a team.

Salary £7,000 to £8,000. Four weeks' holiday p.a.

Please telephone for an application form to 01-286 1358. Closing date for applications: 10th May, 1985.

St. Mungo Housing
217 Harrow Road, London W2

St Mungo HOUSING
Working for London's Homeless

Temporary Hostelworker

required from June for nine months (possibly becoming permanent). We are an established hostel for homeless women and work as a collective.

Hostel experience is not necessary but applicants should have some experience in finance and/or housekeeping and maintenance. A high standard of office practice and presentation are required and all staff are required to do their own typing and filing etc.

Women are actively encouraged to apply.

24 hour cover is provided, therefore shift work including weekends and sleep-ins are required.

Salary £10,063.56 pa including London Weighting, 35 hours per week, six weeks annual leave. Closing date 10th May, 1985. For further information and an application form, contact:

59 GREEK STREET HOSTEL, 59 GREEK STREET, SOHO, LONDON W1

ST. GABRIEL'S
FAMILY CENTRE — BRIGHTON
REQUIRES

TWO SENIOR PROJECT WORKERS

Salary: £8,532 - £11,025
(Subject to career grade assessment)

For the family work programme in a busy, established and well-resourced centre which promotes a wide range of services to families.

One post is to head a team of committed staff in family day care who operate a complex blend of therapy, education and growth for families with young children at risk. You would need skills in organisation and planning, team working, staff supervision, a good knowledge of child care (particularly under 5s) and child abuse work.

The other post would provide a direct practice input of family therapy, group work and marital work to family day care and other areas of the centre's work. This would include acting as a member of a family therapy team using video/mirror, student supervision and a developmental role.

Both postholders will be involved with the decision making and planning processes throughout the centre and its commitment to staff and agency development.

Do you have these plus other skills that might enhance the work of the centre? Could you work in a co-operative and mutually supportive setting that encourages change and openness both in families and staff? Are you a qualified social worker with the training, experience, imagination and sense of humour needed for either of these posts?

If so, contact Graham Willis, Jo Tullock or Ellen Jones on Brighton (0273) 605040.

Application form/job description from: St. Gabriel's Family Centre, 18 Wellington Road, Brighton BN2 3AA.

The Church of England Children's Society is a Christian organisation which seeks in staff a readiness to grow in Christian faith and life.

Closing date: 17th May.

The Children's Society.

LAWRENCE WESTON FAMILY CENTRE
LAWRENCE WESTON, BRISTOL

PART-TIME PROJECT WORKER

(18½ hours per week)
£6,555-£10,107 (pro rata)

The Family Centre at Lawrence Weston, a large housing estate in Bristol, is a partnership between Avon Social Service Department and Dr Barnardos. A suitably qualified and experienced Social Worker is needed to work with families with under-fives, mainly in intensive work based at the Family Centre, but also with families in their own homes.

The part-time Project Worker will be part of a team of seven providing a range of services for young families in Lawrence Weston.

Knowledge and experience of working with families would be an advantage.

Barnados is a Christian Child Care organisation and offers conditions of service broadly in line with local authorities. Applications for posts are welcomed from persons irrespective of disability, marital status, sex or race.

Transferable pension.

Application forms from Ray Jones, Assistant Divisional Director, 177 Newport Road, Cardiff CF2 1UD. Tel: Cardiff 485 592.

Enquiries to Brian Dimmock, Project Leader. Tel: Bristol 824 578.

Closing date: 9th May, 1985.

Barnardo's

WOLVERHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY

Come and work in our Psychiatry and Geriatric Team

We need qualified Social Workers to complete a newly formed team of eight providing social work services to the Geriatric, Psychiatric and Psycho-Geriatric Departments within the Wolverhampton District Health Authority.

The persons appointed will work closely with Psychiatrists in a multi disciplinary setting but will have opportunity to take cases involving geriatrics — including psycho-geriatrics and occasionally work from the medical - surgical and paediatric teams.

Social Workers must have an interest in the care of the mentally ill and wish to maintain or develop a generic attitude to social work in a hospital setting.

Good working conditions can be offered together with effective advice and supervision and help to develop skills and knowledge as a social worker including a full range of A.S.W. responsibilities and duties.

Salary Scale — Social Worker Level 1 - 3 Spinal Column Points 23 - 35 (Qualified) i.e. £7329 - £10716 per annum.

For informal discussion contact Brian Hadley (Area Officer) Wolverhampton (0902) 732255 extension 2715 or Mungo Duggan (Assistant Area Officer) extension 2716.

Application form and job description from Director of Social Services, Civic Centre, St Peter's Square, Wolverhampton WV1 1RP. Closing Date: 13th May 1985.

Wolverhampton Council welcomes applications from all sections of the community irrespective of an individual's sex, ethnic origin or colour and from people with disabilities who have the necessary attributes to do the job.

WOLVERHAMPTON *the pace setter*

HEALTH AND WELFARE

WORKER

£9,200 p.a. approx (NJC Scale 6)
Job-sharers welcomed

Applications are invited from suitably qualified or experienced workers to continue an exciting new project supporting and managing established groups including psychiatric, maternity, parents issues, drug abuse; also to research new welfare issues in the community.

Please phone or write to: Geoffrey Hooper for further details, application form or to arrange an informal visit.

The Warden, Mansfield House University Settlement, Fairbarn Hall, 310 Barking Road, Plaistow, London E13 8HL. Telephone: 01-476 1505.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES EMPLOYER

CITY OF CARLISLE AND EDEN DISTRICT COUNCILS AND THE COUNTRYSIDE COMMISSION

Applications are invited from men and women for the following vacancy:

COUNTRYSIDE PROJECT OFFICER

Scale 6 £8,532–£9,114 p.a.

We are looking for a Project Officer to run a new Countryside Management Scheme in the Eden Valley Area of East Cumbria initially for a period of three years based in Carlisle. The job will include planning and developing a range of countryside projects to be implemented through an M.S.C.-sponsored Project Team. Further details and application form, returnable by 15th May, 1985, from the Personnel and Training Officer, Town Clerk and Chief Executive Dept., Civic Centre, Carlisle, Cumbria CA3 8QG. Tel: 0228 23411, Ext. 283.

HOUSING DEPARTMENT

PRINCIPAL HOUSING OFFICER (CO-ORDINATING SERVICES)

£16,032 — £17,568.

The postholder co-ordinates the sections responsible for the housing waiting list, allocations and all pre-tenancy functions including the council's responsibilities under the Housing (Homeless Persons) Act 1977.

The successful applicant will hold a professional housing qualification or relevant degree and should demonstrate a high level of management ability and willingness to work under pressure

Please quote reference: 275 HD.

Closing date: 10th May, 1985.

RESIDENTIAL RESETTLEMENT OFFICER

DOVEHOUSE COURT, Northolt.
£9,189 — £9,771 pa.

Required to head a team of 4 officers, responsible for management of our hostel in Northolt, used as temporary accommodation for 38 homeless families. Resilience and initiative will be necessary to ensure the welfare of residents and satisfactory arrangements for their re-housing.

Rent free, self-contained, one bedroomed flat is provided and car allowance payable.

Please quote reference: 278 HD.

Closing date: 10th May, 1985.

SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

OFFICER-IN-CHARGE

THE POPLARS, Home for the Elderly, Greenford, Middlesex.

£10,764 — £11,682 pa. (dependent upon qualifications and experience)

FOR JULY.

The present Officer-in-Charge has given extended notice to help us recruit her successor. We seek someone able to lead an all RSW team seeking to achieve the right balance of care and self-sufficiency for each of the 39 residents. This could include returning to the community or a group home option

The modern building is purpose built, but the O in C needs to ensure it is an environment conducive to fulfilment for the residents. Receiving and giving of professional supervision is essential so the appointee is likely to be qualified.

For further information contact Mary Stratton (Homes Adviser) on (01) 579 2424. Ext. 2853.

Please quote reference: 800 SS.

Closing date: 17th May, 1985.

TOWN CLERK'S DEPARTMENT

COMMITTEE SECRETARY

£6,579 — £9,771.

An opportunity exists, either for an able and enthusiastic administrator who wishes to further their career in committee administration or a clear thinking, hardworking and ambitious young person wishing to enter local government, to join one of three teams servicing the committees of this busy London Borough

Experienced candidates should have demonstrated a high level of drive and ability at committee administration and will probably be graduates who have completed, or nearly completed a final administrative qualification. Potential new entrants should be educated to degree level, some post-college work experience is desirable but not essential

Facilities will be provided for the successful candidate to study at the Council's expense for an appropriate qualification

Starting salary within the career grade will depend on ability, qualifications and experience.

For further information and an informal discussion contact Tim Revell on 01-579 2424. Ext. 2202 or Ian Bickerton on Ext. 3746.

Please quote reference: 287 TC.

Closing date: 24th May, 1985.

Application forms available from the Personnel Office, Room A.204, Town Hall Annexe, New Broadway, Ealing W5 2BY. Tel: 01-840 1995 (24 hour service).

All salaries are inclusive of London Weighting.

All posts are open to male and female applicants unless otherwise stated.

Special consideration will be given to disabled persons whose *qualifications and/or experience are relevant to the post for which they apply.*

Ealing London Borough

ASSISTANT PERSONNEL OFFICER

Watford

£9,605-£10,315 p.a.

British Waterways Board, whose principal task is the maintenance of Britain's 2,000 miles of canals and inland navigations, is also responsible for activities from freight carrying and water supply to the development of more and better leisure amenities on Britain's Waterways.

An opportunity has arisen for an Assistant Personnel Officer, who in addition to conducting research into personnel related matters, will be responsible for the recruitment and selection of clerical and secretarial staff, both permanent and temporary.

Reporting to the Personnel Manager (South), the successful applicant will be an active member of the personnel team and have ample opportunity to use his or her initiative across a wide range of tasks, including advice on staff welfare and amenity situations.

Educated to degree level, candidates should preferably be associate members of the Institute of Personnel Management, and have some knowledge of current employment legislation.

The salary and benefits package is attractive and includes a contributory pension scheme (transfer facilities available) and a staff restaurant

Please write for an application form to: The Personnel Manager (South), British Waterways Board, Willow Grange, Church Road, Watford, Herts. WD1 3QA, quoting reference number 82/107.

Closing date: 11th May, 1985.

British Waterways Board

ST. FRANCIS' CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

PRINCIPAL SOCIAL WORKER

Salary £11,562 to £12,645 p.a.

St. Francis' Children's Society, the Roman Catholic Adoption Agency covering Northants, Beds. and Bucks., is looking for a new worker to head their team of seven social workers.

The work covers infant adoption as well as special needs homefinding which is not specifically Catholic.

Ring Eddie Brocklesby, current post-holder, on (0462) 813317, or write to: The Administrator, Bishop's House, Marriot Street, Northampton, for further information.

WALTHAM FOREST WOMEN'S CENTRE

is looking for the following worker to join the collective

ADMINISTRATOR / DEVELOPMENT WORKER

Hours 35 per week (includes some evenings and weekends) Salary £8,781 (including London Weighting) Holidays: 5 weeks Women are free to bring children, for whom they are responsible, to work but are encouraged to arrange their hours, where possible, in conjunction with creche sessions.

We invite applications from all sections of the community, irrespective of their ethnic origin, colour, sexual orientation or disability.

Please write for job description and application form to: Waltham Forest Women's Centre, 5 Pretoria Avenue, London E17, or ring 01-520 5318. Please mark envelopes "job ad".

All application forms to be returned by 4 May 1985.

Job is subject to funding. Funded by GLC Women's committee.

Implementation Planners
Salary £13,137 – £14,229

Planning Administrator
Salary £8,772 – £10,362

London Docklands Development Corporation is responsible for securing the permanent regeneration of London's Docklands.

An increasing planning workload is one indicator of the Corporation's success in bringing about a significant and growing volume of development. As Development Control Authority for its designated area we are able, therefore, to offer opportunities for two Implementation Planners and a Planning Administrator.

Implementation Planner candidates should be able to offer a broad base of experience in an urban planning department with direct involvement in both development control and implementation.

Planning Administrator candidates should have a good working knowledge of planning law and practice, and be able to demonstrate the ability to provide a good public information and consultation service. Experience of a computerised planning application system would also be an advantage.

The Corporation operates on a decentralised basis and the successful candidates will work as integral members of inter-disciplinary Area Teams with delegated responsibility for the operational achievement of a range of development programmes. These posts offer exciting and challenging opportunities to make a significant contribution to urban regeneration.

Candidates should write to me for an application form and further details: David Lowman, Personnel Manager, London Docklands Development Corporation, West India House, London, E14 9TJ.

We intend to start reviewing applications on May 13, 1985.

>>CONCEPTS INTO ACTION>>

LONDON DOCKLANDS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

An equal opportunity employer

Officer in Charge— Drovers Way

£9,306 to £10,299 inclusive

Drovers Way, a children's home in Bracknell, provides care for six adolescents aged between 15 and 18 years. In addition to giving structure and a sense of purpose to daily living, an essential part of the work is to help in preparation and support for future independence. As Officer in Charge you will be a key member of our Children and Families Group, comprising Residential and Fieldwork Managers. We will be appointing someone with the ability and enthusiasm to make an effective contribution to both present and future practice. To meet this demanding role you will need:

— a professional qualification (CSS or CQSW)
— a proven track record in child care, preferably in a residential setting
— management/supervisory experience
— a commitment to an inter-team approach

In return we offer good professional support, facilities for post qualification training and the opportunity to join a team of highly committed workers.

If you would like to know more, please contact Barry Nicholson for an informal discussion. Application forms and further details from Personnel Section, Social Services Department, Fitzwilliam House, Skimped Hill Lane, Bracknell. Tel.: Bracknell 426011.

Social Workers
FOR GENERIC SOCIAL WORK AT ITS BEST

£7,065 with possible progression to £10,107

Reading is the busy and expanding County Town of Berkshire. It offers qualified Social Workers the opportunity to test and develop all their skills. The friendly supportive Intake Team provides the generic service to the Division and is backed by excellent supervision and in-service training. Sadly, an experienced Team member is leaving and a second post is unexpectedly re-available. This is your chance to join us. One of these posts could carry special responsibilities in Mental Health.

For informal discussion contact Mr. J. Hewett, Principal Social Worker, on Reading 586111.

Temporary Part-Time Social Worker
(9 hours per week)

Salary within the range £1,718 to £2,458

Reading Divisional Intake Team is Social Work at its busy best. We need you for this temporary post if you are qualified, but perhaps unable to work full-time.

Contact Mr. J. Hewett, Principal Social Worker, for an informal discussion on Reading 586111.

Application forms from Personnel Section, Social Services Department, Abbey Mill House, Abbey Square, Reading. Tel.: Reading 586111, Ext. 500.

Closing date: 13th May for all positions.

An Equal Opportunity Employer.

Royal County of Berkshire

COMMUNITY PROGRAMME SECTION

NACRO is currently running 78 Community Programme Schemes on which there are over 7,000 places providing employment opportunities for long-term unemployed ex-offenders working on projects of community benefit, many of which are focused on reducing crime and the fear of crime in disadvantaged areas.

Regional Development Officers

To develop and manage new and existing Schemes under the NSC's Community Programme provision. These challenging positions would suit those who enjoy being given considerable responsibility for organising their own work. In addition, a background knowledge of one or more of the following areas would be an advantage: MSC activities, particularly the Community Programme; the prison and probation services; local authorities; trade unions; working with ethnic minorities.

The posts, as listed below, will be based at Regional Offices, where there are also a number of support staff.

Yorks/Humberside	: based in Leeds
N. Wales/Mid-West	: based in Market Drayton
Midlands	: based in Birmingham

Salary: £10,404 (incremental scale).

Operations Officers

To assist Regional Development Officers in development work and other duties. Organisational or administrative experience or knowledge of MSC systems could be an advantage. The posts will be based at:

North East	: based in Newcastle
Yorks/Humberside	: based in Leeds
N. Wales/Mid-West	: based in Market Drayton
E. Anglia/Kent	: based in Colchester
South West	: based in Evesham

Salary: £9,114 (incremental scale).

Car available with all posts.

Closing date: 13th May, 1985.

Write for details, stating clearly which post you are interested in and enclosing a large self-addressed envelope, to Paula Gordon, NACRO CP Section, 54 Bradford Street, Birmingham B5 6HX. (021-622 5191).

As an equal opportunities employer, we welcome applications from anyone regardless of colour, ethnic origin or sex, and from disabled people and ex-offenders.

NACRO
For the care of offenders and the prevention of crime

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY
PARK LANE HOSPITAL MAGHULL, LIVERPOOL
SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER
(SENIOR PRACTITIONER)

THE HOSPITAL: Park Lane is a new Special Hospital directly administered by the Department of Health and Social Security providing treatment under conditions of security for mentally disordered male patients who are compulsorily detained under the Mental Health Act.

THE JOB: Particular emphasis is placed upon Psychiatric Social Work at an advanced level and there is considerable scope for therapeutic work in connection with the psycho-social and family problems of the patients. Treatment programmes are directed towards rehabilitation and re-socialisation, and consequently the Social Work Department place particular emphasis on arrangements for the rehabilitation and after-care of patients in liaison with Local Authority departments and other Social Work agencies. In addition the job presents excellent opportunities for participation in treatment and discharge procedures within a multi-disciplinary team setting, with an emphasis on group identity.

THE CANDIDATE: The successful candidate should hold a qualification in Social Work approved by the Council for Training in Social Work and have at least two years' post qualification experience in a relevant professional setting. Motivation to seek further professional development is required. Where possible every encouragement will be given to enable special skills or interest to be developed. Candidates with an interest in working with groups may find the post stimulating and interesting.

SALARY: £10,679-£11,600 p.a. (inclusive of Special Hospitals Higher Environmental Allowance currently payable at £884 p.a.).

The post is superannuable under the NHS Superannuation Scheme. Rented married or single person accommodation may be available if required.

Application forms and job description may be obtained from The Secretary, Advisory Appointments Committee, Park Lane Hospital, Maghull, Liverpool L31 1BD. (Telephone: 051-531 0022, extension 254).

If further information is required, or if applicants would like to visit the hospital, they should contact Mr R. Fitzpatrick, Principal Social Worker (ext. 542).

Closing date for application forms: 2nd May 1985.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

SENIOR ASSISTANT — EMPLOYMENT
£11,907 — £13,680

This is a new post within the Department of Personnel and Management Services responsible for the effective application of the Council's equal opportunities policy.

Working with other specialist personnel professionals the postholder will advise and assist in the development of staffing and employees relations practices and procedures, training and statistical monitoring.

The successful candidate will be self-motivated, committed and experienced in the application of an equal opportunities policy and ideally be educated to degree level.

Application forms and further details are available from the Director of Personnel and Management Services, City of Edinburgh District Council, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh EH1 1YJ. Telephone 031-225 2424 Ext 6418.

Closing date for applications 10th May 1985.

Edinburgh District Council is an equal opportunities employer. Applications are invited from women and men, from all sections of the community, irrespective of ethnic origin, disability, or sexual orientation, who have the necessary attributes for the post.

IMPROVING SERVICES — CREATING JOBS

City of Edinburgh

PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR
£11,652 — £12,275
(Including London Weighting)

The building works for a new housing project in the centre of Brixton have now commenced, which is due to open early in 1986. The project will offer accommodation and support to people who have experienced emotional and psychological distress and will be managed by a new voluntary organisation.

The steering group is now seeking to appoint a co-ordinator for the project whose main responsibilities will be:

— to assist in the preparation and execution of the operational policy
— to promote the work of the project within the community
— to liaise with the architect, funding authorities and the statutory and voluntary sector
— to assist the steering group in the appointment of staff
— *to manage the project when it opens.*

We are looking for someone with experience in mental health. Previous experience in the management of a residential or day care project would be an advantage but other related experience will be considered such as in housing, community work or the voluntary sector.

Applicants should have an appreciation of the needs of ethnic minority groups, particularly in relation to mental health.

Application forms from The Special Projects Section, London & Quadrant Housing Trust, Osborn House, Osborn Terrace, London SE5 9DR. Tel. 01-652 9181 Ext. 274.

For an informal discussion about the job, please ring Frances German Tel. 01-720 0220 Ext 234 or Ian Wilson Tel. 01-737 1331. Closing date for applications is 8th May. Applications are welcome from candidates regardless of sex, ethnic origin or physical disability.

BIRMINGHAM CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING SERVICES
have a vacancy for an
EXPERIENCED DEVELOPMENT WORKER
Salary £8,529 p.a.

To provide a comprehensive development service to affiliated primary housing co-ops. The post involves the administration of grant rehab and new-build Fair Rents projects in the inner city, as well as a small major repairs programme. In addition the post will carry responsibility for the overall management of the development programme for co-ops, which in 1985/86 amounts to £1.5 million for new lines approvals.

The successful applicant will have a thorough knowledge of Housing Corporation procedures. Experience of development work within the voluntary housing movement will be a distinct advantage. Ability to work on own initiative and under pressure is essential.

Applicants should forward a full c.v. to Simon Spencer, 26 Grange Road, Birmingham, B15 2DH, by no later than Wednesday, 1st May. A job description is available on request by telephoning 021-772 3863.

MIND
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR MENTAL HEALTH
WARRINGTON — PROJECT DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
Salary £6,851 to £9,038.
3-year fixed term contract

Do you want an exciting post with a vigorous voluntary organisation helping develop community services for mentally handicapped people?

MIND is wanting to appoint a Project Development Officer for three years based in Warrington.

The job means working closely with the health district and social services department to develop ordinary living schemes for mentally handicapped people moving out of the local hospital. This will mean meeting with mentally handicapped people, assessing their individual needs and developing particular community based provision.

MIND has an interest in representing ALL mentally ill people and consequently seeks positively to encourage applicants equally regardless of race, sex, sexual orientation, age or disability. Job sharers welcome. Generous holidays; LVs.

Job description and application form from:
General Secretary (W), MIND (NAMH),
22 Harley Street, London W1N 2ED.
Closing date for receipt of completed applications: 30th May, 1985.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES
CENTREPOINT SOHO
wishes to appoint a
FINANCIAL CO-ORDINATOR

This is a newly created post that will take responsibility for setting up a comprehensive accounting and book-keeping system. An IBM XT computer will be available and applicants *must have computer experience.*

We are looking for someone who has the enthusiasm and willingness to work in the voluntary sector and who has a successful track record.

Salary: NJC Scale 6 (under review). Holidays: 6 weeks p.a.

Also
CENTREPOINT'S MEDIUM STAY HOSTEL
requires a
HOSTEL SOCIAL WORKER

A 6th member is required to join our team working with 10 residents of both sexes aged 16 to 25. We offer counselling and practical guidance within this social work hostel and are therefore looking for a caring, sensitive and experienced worker.

Salary: Scale 4 point 21—£8,313 (under review). Holidays: 7 weeks per annum.

Centrepoint is an equal opportunities employer.

Please apply to the Administrative Secretary at Centrepoint Soho, 33 Long Acre, London WC2. (Tel. 01-379 3466) for further information and application form.

Closing date for both posts: Friday, 10th May, 1985.

GENERAL

Essex County Council

ESTATES AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT

SENIOR RANGER
WEALD COUNTRY PARK
Up to £8,454 inclusive

We are seeking an enthusiastic and experienced person to head a small team providing a comprehensive range of visitor services at Weald Park and support services to other Country Parks in the County.

As well as offering the challenge of the day to day management of a large and busy Country Park, the new Visitors' Centre offers considerable scope for a creative and entrepreneurial approach.

You will need considerable experience in Countryside and Staff Management, good communication skills and a full driving licence. In return you will receive a competitive salary based on a 37 hour week and generous relocation expenses of Circa £2,000 + in approved cases.

Application forms and further details available from the Personnel Officer, County Estates and Architect's Department, County Hall, Chelmsford, CM1 1LB. Telephone Chelmsford (0245) 267222 ext. 2230.

Closing date for completed applications: May 13, 1985.

Cyngor Dosbarth Ceredigion District Council

Technical Services Department
CHIEF QUANTITY SURVEYOR
PO: £11,889–£12,981

Applications are invited from fully qualified Members of the RICS. The post is based in Aberystwyth and involves advising on costing, financial monitoring and programming for a wide range of construction and maintenance projects carried out by contractors and by direct labour.

Further particulars and application form from the Personnel Officer, Town Hall, Aberystwyth, Dyfed. Tel. (0970) 617911.

Closing date: 14th May, 1985.

amnesty international
seeks
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT in the MIDDLE EAST RESEARCH DEPARTMENT
to work in its London-based International Secretariat.

Executive Assistants are primarily responsible for liaising with Amnesty International's groups around the world to provide information relating to Amnesty International's human rights concerns and recommend *action on behalf on prisoners.*

Fluent Arabic and English are essential. French would be useful. Executive Assistants must be able to type.

Salary: £8630 per annum (index-linked annual increments).

For a detailed job specification and application form please contact The Personnel Office, Amnesty International, International Secretariat, 1 Easton Street, London WC1X 8DJ. Tel: 01-837 3866 (24 hour). Telex 28502.

Closing date for return of completed application forms 7th June 1985.

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wishes to appoint a
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Closing date for both posts: Friday, 10th May, 1985.

NOTTINGHAM HELP AND HOMELESS ASSOCIATION LIMITED
DIRECTOR
£10,107 to £11,025 p.a.

N.H.H.A. is a charity which operates a night shelter plus 3 long term homes for homeless people in the City of Nottingham.

The postholder (male or female) will be responsible for the management of all N.H.H.A. projects in accordance with the policy of the N.H.H.A. Council of Management and in close liaison with elected officers.

Duties will include staff management and project administration. There will be administrative duties in connection with Council of Management meetings plus liaison with other authorities and agencies including the D.H.S.S., other voluntary bodies and local authority departments. Experience of residential care work together with experience of dealing with clients with drink and drug related problems is desirable. Previous management experience is essential.

Written applications should be sent to the Reverend Eric Ashby, 29 St. Patrick's Road, Hucknall, Nottingham.

Closing date: 10th May, 1985.

NHA

Greater Hornby Housing Association Limited
Hornby House 4 Smithdown Place Liverpool L15 8EH Tel 051 733 8421

The Greater Hornby Housing Association Limited, a Housing Association with 1,000 homes in Management on Merseyside and engaged in providing newbuild and refurbished dwellings in Housing Action and General Improvement Areas is looking for a

HOUSING MANAGER

Salary range circa £12,000 per annum plus Company car or essential car user's allowance.

The successful applicant will be responsible to the Chief Executive for organising and controlling a sensitive and efficient Housing Management and Maintenance Service.

The Association operates a formally constructed Sub-Committee system to which the postholder will report.

Initiative, energy, sense of humour, experience in Housing Management and relating to tenants and staff plus an appropriate professional qualification will be an advantage.

This appointment is open to members of either sex. Applications in writing, including C.V. and the names of two referees must be sent by Tuesday, 14th May, 1985, to the Chief Executive, HORNBY HOUSE, 4 SMITHDOWN PLACE, LIVERPOOL L15 8ER.

COMMUNITY DESIGN SERVICES
has a vacancy for
ARCHITECTURAL PROJECT OFFICER
Salary £7,200 p.a.

Applicant must have at least exemption from part 2 of the RIBA examinations.

For further information and application form by writing: Martin Deaville, The Community Design Services, The Maltings, East Tyndall Street, Cardiff CF1 5EA.

HARINGEY ARTS COUNCIL
requires
2 DEVELOPMENT WORKERS
SALARIES £10,134 MINIMUM (S01-S02 DEPENDING ON EXPERIENCE)

Two full-time workers are needed to assume joint responsibility for co-ordinating and implementing an arts development initiative, in particular, neighbourhoods, buildings and groups in the Borough funded by the GLC. It is essential that, between them, the two workers have experience of:
— working with African, Caribbean, Asian and Cypriot communities
— initiating community development projects
— community/Black/minorities' arts
— a range of practical, organisational and administrative skills.

GLC funding for the posts is available for 18 months.

Further details and application form are available from:
Haringey Arts Council, c/o 35 Station Road, Wood Green, LONDON N22 6UX
Telephone 01-881 3000 Ext 3522

Closing date Friday 17 May.

HARINGEY ARTS COUNCIL IS A REGISTERED CHARITY AND AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES EMPLOYER. Job sharers welcome.

Assistant Director
Services for Elderly & Disabled People
SALARY UP TO £17,280 (Plus a temporary allowance of £1,002) (Under review)

We are looking for an imaginative, creative and energetic manager who can make a major contribution to the management and continuing development of services for elderly and disabled people.

You should have an appropriate qualification, organisational and leadership skills, together with substantial management experience at a senior level in a large organisation.

Informal discussion welcomed with Robin SeQueira, Director of Social Services (Dorchester 63131 Ext 4317).

Application forms returnable by 13 May, 1985, and further details from the Director of Social Services, County Hall, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1XJ. (Please quote reference PO 300X).

DORSET County Council

King's College London

ACCOMMODATION ASSISTANT
STUDENT SERVICES SECTION

Applications are invited from adaptable and energetic persons with some relevant experience and good office skills, including accurate typing, but above all with a real interest in dealing with students and their housing and welfare enquiries.

The College is in the process of a merger with Queen Elizabeth College (Kensington) and Chelsea College (King's Road) and some movement of staff between these sites is required.

The post involves assisting the Accommodation Officer in many aspects of her work including interviewing, giving advice and assistance and dealing with hall allocations and private sector resources.

Salary on scale £6,617-£7,692 per annum inclusive, currently under review. Please apply with full c.v. as soon as possible to Christine Crewe, King's College London, Strand, London WC2R 2LS (Tel. 01-836 5454, ext. 22881), from whom further particulars are available.

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE VACANCIES IN THE THIRD WORLD

WE send skilled people for two-year appointments to work for development and self-reliance in the Third World. We are looking for qualified and experienced people to work on a modest living allowance in:

Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique and Swaziland

Current requirements: construction supervisors, architects, planners, civil engineers; foresters, agriculturalists, poultry hatchery coordinator, rural development coordinator; printed textiles craft instructors, doctors, nurse-tutors, occupational / physiotherapist, medical lab technicians; accountant; teachers — science, maths, geography, EFL remedial, primary, and pre-school / infant for health education.

Two year contract including modest living allowance and flights. Regret no funding for dependants. Applicants must be resident in the UK or Ireland.

For further details send short c.v. and large s.a.e. to Kathy Bowness, International Voluntary Service, G21, 53 Regent Rd., Leicester, LE1 6YL.

WELFARE RIGHTS AND ADVOCACY WORK
in an Educational setting

Loughborough Students' Union has a vacancy for a Rights Adviser in its Research and Welfare Department.

The successful applicant will undertake client casework, including representation at various tribunals and appeals.

The appointment is currently on AP5/6 (£7,524 to £9,114) with the initial appointment to be made on AP5. To discuss the post in more detail telephone Mike Shuker on (0509) 217766.

A prospectus and application form is available from:

Christine Harby, Research and Welfare Department, Union Building, Ashby Road, Loughborough, Leicestershire LE11 3TT, and should be returned by 13th May, 1985. *Loughborough Students' Union is an Equal Opportunities Employer.*

AGE CONCERN ENGLAND
CAMPAIGN ORGANISER (AGE WELL)

Age Concern England and the Health Education Council are running a campaign for two years to encourage community based health activities for and with elderly people, to complement the Health Education Council's programme on health in old age.

Based at Age Concern's offices in Mitcham, the Campaign Organiser will co-ordinate and publicise this campaign including a series of eight regional "shows."

Proven organisational and publicity skills are essential, and a knowledge of health issues and elderly people's interest is desirable.

Salary in range £9,005 to £10,534 p.a. inclusive. Contributory pension scheme, four weeks' annual leave plus five recess days.

Further details from: Personnel Department, Age Concern England, 60 Pitcairn Road, Mitcham, Surrey CR4 3LL. Closing date: Friday, 3rd May.

TOYNBEE CAB
Advice Worker
(3 days per week)

This busy bureau deals with a wide variety of inquiries mainly in the areas of welfare benefits, housing and immigration/nationality.

Ability to speak Bengali or Somali an advantage. Advice work experience desirable but in-service training provided.

Salary £8,772 — £10,362 pro rata.

Closing date 17 May 1985.

For application form *please send stamped self-addressed A4 envelope marked Ref: E42* to Marian Protasiewicz, GLCABS, 31 Wellington Street, London WC2. Ref: E42.

This post is funded by the GLC but on a permanent contract.

As an Equal Opportunities employer GLCABS wishes to encourage positively all applications regardless of disability, race, sex or creed.

Citizens Advice Bureau

CAMBRIDGESHIRE
(Equal Opportunity Employer)

Stibbington Study Centre, Stibbington, Peterborough PE8 6LP. Tel.: Stamford 752386. Warden: Mrs Rosie Edwards.

Required for September, 1985

ASSISTANT FIELD STUDIES OFFICER

for this residential and day visit centre (non-residential post). The Centre operates courses for students from infant to sixth form and adults. Subjects include outdoor and environmental education, ecology, geography and history, as well as aspects of art, crafts, drama, sports, computer work, video and photography amongst others.

Applicants should have qualifications and experience relevant to countryside interpretation and must be enthusiastic and versatile. Visits welcome.

Salary £5,923 - £7,329. Local Government Conditions of Service.

Further details by telephone or letter (SAE please) from the Warden. Closing date May 6.

FELLOWSHIP HOUSE ASIAN WOMEN'S PROJECT
INFORMATION AND ADVICE WORKER

FHAWP is a well-established project for Asian women and *their families living in Newham.*

We are a multi-racial borough and 26% of our population are from different minority ethnic origins. The project aims to provide, through language training, a comprehensive service of support for Asian women.

Knowledge of some of the Asian languages is essential. *Applicants are welcomed who have relevant experience* as well as awareness of the issues faced by Asians.

For further information: The Secretary, St Bartholomew's Church & Centre, 292B Barking Road, East Ham, London E6 2SA.

FIELD DIRECTOR
SOMALIA

required for an ophthalmic team upgrading hospital staff and training primary health care workers in Northern Somalia. Includes setting up, administration and co-ordination of the medical team's activities, including planning and evaluation. Candidates must have previous overseas development work, preferably in a health or administrative capacity. The appointment will initially be for three months, but an open ended contract is *envisaged if early phases completed satisfactorily.*

Salary £6,000 pa.

Please send a full CV as soon as possible to: Carla Gillins, Help the Aged, St James's Walk, London EC1R 0BE.

Help the Aged

NEWCROSS PLAYBUS ASSOCIATION
is an established Community Group, which requires
TWO WORKERS

to work in the Multi-Racial area of Brockley, Newcross and Deptford, to sustain and develop facilities for under-fives. Experience with Community groups is desirable and an ordinary driving licence is necessary.

Because of the racial mix of the parents and children using the bus, we welcome applications from people from all racial groups.

Salary £8,140 per annum for 35 hours per week.

For application forms and further information please contact: Joan Douglas, 44 Alverton Street, Deptford, SE8. Tel.: 01-692 4576.

Closing date: 7th May, 1985.

This project is funded by Lewisham Council and the GLC.

Ramblers' Association
MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR

required as soon as possible to run busy computerised membership department of a voluntary organisation in Vauxhall. We want a first class administrator able to work under heavy pressure. Experience of computers and membership systems an advantage. Salary £8,500 neg.

Phone Ramblers' Association 01-582 6878

HOUSING ACTION CENTRE
HOUSING ADVISER

An independent housing aid centre in north Kensington, London giving advice on all housing problems needs a Housing Adviser to join a team of nine. Experience in housing or advice work would be useful but not essential. About a quarter of our callers are Spanish or Arabic speakers. We are an Equal Opportunities Employer. There is an optional pension scheme. Salary scale £8,772-£10,362 including London Weighting.

For further information contact: Housing Action Centre, 149 Ladbroke Grove, London W10 5ND. Telephone 01-969 3453.

Closing date Tuesday 14th May.

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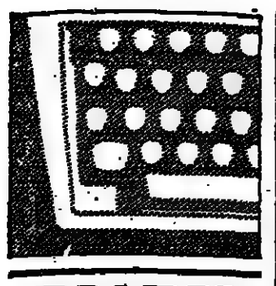


DIARY

THE Deputy Speaker, Mr Harold Walker, could find only one precedent for the sort of behaviour Dr David Owen got up to in the House yesterday. He scuttled off to his Erskine May and turned with some satisfaction to p.419 where he studied the precedent set by, yes, Harold Walker one evening in 1979 when, as a backbencher in a deserted adjournment debate, he had spoken from the dispatch box. Sadly, he was denied the special pleasure of ruling on the matter.

MRS Victoria Gillick is becoming bashful. She refused to start addressing a meeting of the shadowy British Housewives' League *in London yesterday until a photographer was prevented from taking her picture. Her co-speaker, Dr Ellen Grant, had just given a case history of a woman "with far too many children —eight or nine." Mrs Gillick has ten.*

THE forthcoming elections in Northern Ireland seem to have spawned a number of new political parties. Newton Abbey, in particular, has acquired a variety of parties *all ending in the initials* APN — All Night Parties. Pity the poor returning officer as he struggles with the RJKANP result. It stands for the Reverend Juan King All Night Party, which you have to say with a slight Spanish lilt fully to appreciate. Less subtle is the ESANP — the Ereck Shun ANP. Also fielding a candidate are the ASSANP, the Anarchist Syndicalist Socialist ANP and the CKANSP — the (draw a deep breath) Captain Floccinaucinihilipilification All Night Sensible Party.

THE FCS has come under further attack from a number of Labour MPs, who have tabled a motion condemning their behaviour and noting "that many Conservative students would do well to model their behaviour on that of Scottish football supporters." The motion implores Conservative students to stay away from the forthcoming Scotland-England match at Hampden.

THE insidious campaign to discredit Mr Clive Ponting continues. W. H. Smith's London Bridge shop is displaying his book, The Right To Know, under Humour.

NOTHING is ever simple in Brent politics. An all-party group from the borough is to see Sir George Young on Thursday to discuss homelessness. They plan to take a couple of homeless people with them. This, they say, was all agreed with the DoE *until yesterday*, when Sir George's private secretary rings up and says, sorry, no homeless people. They would be a diversion from the issue. Brent party promptly withdraws from meeting. DoE deny ever agreeing. Sir George confers with advisers and says, no homeless people on Thursday but 'll pop in and see some homeless people next time I'm in Brent. Brent party confers and says, OK, providing Sir George visits homeless people in their hotels. And so the two sides tiptoe towards Thursday.

A DATE has been set for the prosecution of British Nuclear Fuels Ltd for their alleged radioactivities in Sellafield. It is to start on June 5, World Environment Day.

SEEN outside the Intourist office in London: a blue Rolls-Royce, registration number KGB 34T.

DENG Xiaoping is buying some wallpaper for his office and VIP lounge. He has gone for a new range of vinyl papers produced by the Blackburn firm of Graham and Brown. Mr Ray Smith, the firm's sales manager, is unsurprised. "We're the brand leader," he points out. "We're advertised on telly." The chosen paper is fret-work-textured and washable.

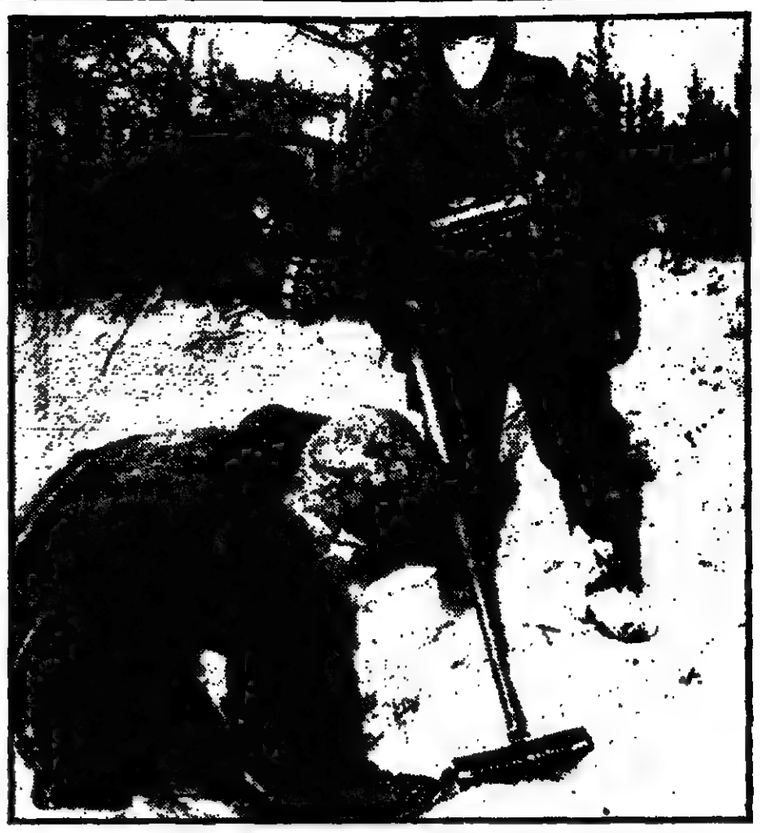
THE Treasury's recent findings of the staff inspection report on the Royal Library at Windsor will never be published "because there are parts that impinge on personal and private activities of the Royal Family." We will never know what the Queen reads in bed.

ANOTHER sighting of the M & S yucca plant rumour is reported by Mrs J. M. Lansley, of Broughton, Hampshire. In her version the buyer rang Kew Gardens, who discovered one adult tarantula and no fewer than 11 baby ones.

Alan Rusbridger

THE FROZEN FRONTIER

A locomotive on the Bam line (below): prospectors at work in pre-rich Siberia



MARTIN WALKER reports on the completion of a new trans-Siberian railway that is opening up the east

The taiga tamers

IN OCTOBER of last year, there were fanfares in the *Soviet media to announce* that one of the greatest feats of engineering of modern times, the second Trans-Siberian railway, had at last been finished, and a train could follow the full 2,000 miles route to the Pacific Ocean.

This was not a lie, but it certainly stretched the truth. There is one vital sector of the Bam Railway, as this fearsome northern route is called, which is now being very hurriedly rebuilt. The nine-mile long north Muisk tunnel has proved a geological disaster. Granite rock *merges with soft sand and* hot springs bubble up through the rock to wear away the tunnel lining, and the whole mountain range is a seismic zone. The constant delays and collapses have persuaded Soviet geologists to admit an honourable draw, if not defeat, and they are now building an alternative roundabout route that will not be completed for another three years.

But a train can take the whole route, as long as it is not hauling much of a load. There is a working line, with a steep 4 per cent gradient that simply cannot be used by the special new engines and their 10,000 ton loads of iron ore that the line was designed to carry.

To mention this minor hiccup in such a dramatic technical achievement is the pettifogging quibble which *Russia has come to expect of* the Western press. "Russia" rather than the Soviet Union, because when the first Trans-Siberian Railway was built 80 years ago, the British pres of the day sniffed that since the tracks were *being laid across* the ice of Lake Baikal, it could hardly be called an all-weather railway.

The British were particularly sniffy because the first Trans-Siberian railway was supposed to cross Lake Baikal on British-built ferries. But there was a war on at the time (with the Japanese) and there was not enough time to reassemble the ferries from the component parts into which they had been broken down. Hence the rails across the ice and the 14-mile long hole in the ice when the train fell through.

But the engineering problems of the first railway were child's play compared with the difficulties of building Bam, the Baikal-Amur mainline. It crosses seven major mountain ranges, 16 big rivers, including the mile-wide Amur where the bridge required the invention of a new system of laying foundations, and several hundred ravines and gorges. There are 138 bridges and nine tunnels, including the troublesome North Muisk and a mile-long tunnel through permafrost.

Late at night, and after many vodkas, the Russians will reveal the real reason why they built it: the first Trans-Siberian is uncomfortably close to the Chinese border, this new lifeline of the Soviet Union is more than a hundred inhospitable miles more secure.

In addition to that, the Bam will allow them to develop one and a half million square kilometres of the world's richest real estate. At Udokan, there is a deposit of copper ore that is 27 per cent pure. You can virtually run electricity through the ground. There are coal deposits so rich that already, five machines in an open cast mine are producing as much coal as Britain does in a year. There is iron ore, gold, lead, zinc, long-fibre asbestos and some minerals so new that they have only just been named.

All of this had to be built in winters where the temperature reaches 60 C below, and summers where the sweltering 40 C heat is but a minor irritant compared with the clouds of giant mosquitoes which mean the entire workforce is swathed in those face nets that beekeepers use.

The Bam project shows *the Soviet Union at what it* does best, mobilising a vast national effort behind a single, and fairly simple goal. Most of the great Soviet achievements have been done this way, at least since the end of Stalin's gigantic labour camp system.

Honed over the years, the system now runs like clockwork. The Politburo makes a great decision. The media pull out the propaganda *stops for the decade or so* until the thing is built. The communist youth are inspired to volunteer for labour brigades, and each of the Soviet republics and great cities sponsors one section of the project. Any ambitious young communist with his eyes on a Politburo seat knows that he is well-advised to join the great crusade, work like the devil and hope to win a hero of labour medal.

Leonid Khazakov provides an excellent example. Eleven years ago, as a keen young Komsomol official, he arrived to build the first station on the Bam line as part of the Desant team.

*"At 40C below, the bull*dozers and machines cease to work. Only flesh and blood function. We would work for 30 minutes and then go back into the warmth for 10 minutes, then back to work again. There was a real spirit of comradeship. All of us young together, learning the skills of our work, and every day seeing our achievements, seeing houses and town starting to rise where *there had been only the* Taiga," he said quoting almost exactly what he had previously told Russian journalists.

He was wearing an elegant pearl grey suit with light blue shirt and silk tie, and imported ankle-length Chelsea boots. Tall and fit with very clear blue eyes, he was an imposing figure who could have stepped from a Komsomol recruiting poster. *On his lapel, he wore the* single gold star and red ribbon of the hero of labour award, which opens rather more doors in Russia than an old Etonian tie does in Britain.

Leonid can now expect to be a member of the Soviet elite for the rest of his life, and if the USSR had a tabloid press, they would probably describe him as one of the Bam-gang. Each of these mammoth projects that the Soviet Union had built has produced its own mafia of rising young engineers who become apparatchiks, just as Leonid Brezhnev built his career on the building site of Depropetrovsk.

The exploits of Leonid and his brigade have already become Soviet myth. As the train chugs into the station they built, you see high on a bluff where you might expect to find a war memorial, the original amphibious vehicle in which Leonid and the boys arrived. Behind the Mussolini-style station of marble and arches the town climbs up the hill to the building site where the Bam museum is under construction. This town of Zvezdni (which could be translated as the "place of stars") is to be the tourist centre of the Bam achievement.

Bam differs from similar projects in the West, such as the Alaskan pipeline, in that it is more than just a machine for getting iron ore from the mine to the factories. It is an artery of settlement, not just communication. So all along the Bam track, at every 100 km or so there is an incongruously large station and a small but growing town behind it. Built for the construction brigade, these towns are now being converted *into timber treatment* plants, geological centres — physical evidence of the almost mystic sense of a Russian mission to exploit and *tame and ultimately to settle* the vast challenge of Siberia.

Down at the end of the line from the future tourist centre of Zvezdni is the much smaller settlement of Ulkan. The station is similarly grand and impressive, and the inhabitants of the town were so proud to see a foreign journalist that they had a bus waiting at the station entrance to provide a tour of the place. This lasted exactly 34 seconds, including the time spent turning round at the end of the only street of modern buildings.

The city fathers of Ulkan then led the way into the civic complex, which contained a cinema, two shops and a public cafeteria, and from the stage of the small cinema, delivered a lecture on the achievements and prospects of the town. There were stocky men in lumpy *suits with scarred* workmens' hands that looked like bunches of sausages.

There will be no museum and no tourist trade at Ulkan, just a service centre for the railroad and a timber processing complex. One of the stocky men asked about life "na zapadye" in the West. We began to speak of life in Western Europe. No, no, he said, he meant life in Moscow. That was "the West" to him.

Ulkan is still a quiet place, with one local passenger *train a day, and in a whole* day and night on the line, I saw only one modest freight train, carrying timber. When the new route around the *troubled tunnel is finished*, it will be as busy as the Trans-Siberian itself, with its three minute gap between trains.

The idea is that Bam should not only carry out the raw materials of Northern Siberia, but also become the standard line of communication between Europe and the Pacific. Already the Russians boast that they can ship containers by rail from Japan to Western Europe in half the time it takes by sea.

There is a curious irony here, because it was Stalin who first decreed that the *Bam line should* be built, and by 1941 when the war began, the forced labour battalions had built 180 kilometres. Work then stopped. And in the winter of 1942 they ripped up the rails and hauled them back to the River Volga, to be used to build a special supply line for the Red Army's great counter-attack on Stalingrad. So the first Bam lines helped beat the Germans, *and the new Bam* lines will be supplying them with Siberian ores and Japanese exports.

Tomorrow: Lake Baikal

The decision of the United States Congress still leaves the Reagan Administration with a number of difficult choices as to how to handle the situation in Nicaragua. TONY JENKINS reports on the view from Managua

Lies that fuel war

THE WHITE House campaign to wring *$14 million* from Congress to continue its covert war against Nicaragua, and President Reagan's exaggerated comments about the nature of the Sandinista government may well have served to obscure the political facts of life about this country.

Most of Mr Reagan's claims are inaccurate. Nicaragua, he says, is "a Communist dictatorship" ruled by a "small clique," which has "rendered the democratic freedoms of speech, press and assembly, punishable by death." Listening to such denunciations it is easy to forget that 60 per cent of the economy is still in private hands, 30 per cent of the seats in parliament are held by six of the nine opposition political parties, and the privately-owned opposition newspaper, La Prensa, while often crasly censored, still regularly publishes scathing attacks on the government.

In terms of human rights and political freedoms, Nicaragua is clearly in a far better position than its neighbours Guatemala and El Salvador—which are both supported by the Reagan Administration.

But the domestic differences between political groupings in Nicaragua are still enormous. There is no *internal consensus* between the Sandinistas and the conservative opposition.

In this acrimonious debate both sides have yet to prove that they are prepared to commit themselves to a pluralist solution. It is this division which Washington has been able to exploit—and turn into a devastating war.

In the case of the Sandinistas, there is a formidable unwillingness to accept a role for the opposition. The concept of an alternation in power is foreign to them. As one senior Western diplomat recently complained, "They tell you they are in power because they won the revolution, and because they fought the dictatorship singlehandedly for 20 years and won the right to govern. That's true, but they see no reason to put their government to a real regular electoral test."

During the November elections, for example, it was noticeably difficult to get some Sandinista leaders to say outright that they would hand over the government if they lost the vote. Talking to Sandinista officials at all levels of the party, it is clear that they believe they will be in power for the next 50 years. They still repeat the slogan that the party will not be removed from power "either by the bullet or the ballot."

But the Interior Minister, Tomas Borge, denies that this is because the Sandinistas are undemocratic. "We will hold regular elections, but we simply do not see a force capable of winning the confidence of the people and supplanting the (Sandinista) Front."

This is not a mere rhetoric, for the Sandinistas' most important opposition has never really committed itself to trying to win power by democratic means. Perhaps more crucially, it has never accepted the basic Sandinista precept of the revolution; that society must be reorganised to the benefit of the workers and peasants.

Several opposition leaders confirmed in interviews that they would like to see a pro-American capitalist-style society re-created in Nicaragua. Augustin Jarquin, leader of the Social Christian Party, and Virglio Godoy, leader of the Independent Liberal Party, both complain that until now the best-known opposition alliance, the Democratic Coordinating Committee, (CND), has been dominated by these pro-American politicians.

The CDN chose not to stand in the elections, arguing that the conditions did not guarantee a free and fair campaign. But since then, Arturo Cruz, who was to have been the CDN presidential candidate, has joined the "contras."

Dr Luis Rivas, who is one of the CDN leaders and president of the Social Democratic Party, admits that "it is true that we have never really tried to build up a big membership or tried to show our strength by organising regular demonstrations. Perhaps it is a mistake, but we prefer to get European and Latin American governments *to put pressure on the* Sandinistas."

Another CDN leader, Emilio Rapaciolli, president of the Conservative Party, says "there is no room for the Sandinistas in Nicaragua. They must go."

Tomas Borge, for his part, points to the fact that the CDN and La Prensa both receive money from the Foundation for Democracy, which is funded by the US government. "Their heart is in Miami," he says. "They would sell their country. We will never negotiate with these people."

Mr Jarquin and Dr Godoy are now trying to organise an alliance to alter the direction of the internal opposition to unseat the pro-American faction. If they succeed, they would distance the opposition from the US-backed guerrillas and try to concentrate on building up support in the country, as a way of persuading the Sandinistas to negotiate.

But Mr Jarquin fears the continuing "contra" war, which Mr Reagan has said he will continue to support no matter what Congress decides. Mr Jarquin points out that "the war justifies Sandinista emergency measures and it is polarising the people. More and more people are seeking a military solution. We need a respite to preserve some room for political negotiations."

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For an informal discussion contact Ken Dufton on 808 7604 Ext. 28.

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The post is based at our residential unit for children with mental and physical handicaps, and you will be expected to contribute to the *coaching and monitoring of learning and management programmes* implemented by residential staff within this unit.

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Three aspects of feminism in the Muslim world: Women in different countries describe their experience of Islam

NAWAL HASSAN OSMAN: She has the sheikhs eating out of her hand

TELEVISION teams visiting famines usually make a point of filming at least one hard pressed nurse from Carshalton or Chicago and brush aside local volunteers like Nawal Hassan Osman. Which is a pity, since Nawal and her sisters across Africa and Asia — in spite of a lack of Western qualifications — are often getting far more done for the simple reason that they *know* the people, their needs and speak the language.

Nawal got involved in the international relief business by accident three months ago. She had returned from Alexandria University in Egypt and found thousands of destitute people from Chad border areas camped outside her home town of Nyala in western Sudan.

She is honest enough to admit to a mixture of motives: "I obviously wanted to do something for the people but my social studies degree includes anthropology, sociology, and psychology and the camp contains 17 tribal groups from widely scattered areas, so it was also a chance to study."

Nawal is no rich kid indulging an idle interest. She is 22 and is paying her way through college; her father is a carpenter making just enough money to raise 13 daughters and three sons from his two marriages.

Nawal works 12-hour days, seven days a week, pleading with local traders and the town council for food, interviewing new arrivals in the camp and arguing with the tough sheikhs of each tribe about numbers and needs. There are up to 17,000 people in the camp, a small part of the hungry army, one million strong, on the move in western Sudan. Village after village further north has been abandoned following a succession of poor harvests, culminating in last year's almost nil rainfall.

Nawal said: "It was very upsetting at first. People were getting very weak because there wasn't enough food, and there was a lot of disease. About 12 people were dying every day. It was strange then, no one had any energy to make any noise, so the camp was almost completely quiet.

"Now we've got more food, the children have started to play, and the women walk about 15kms to find wood, which they sell so they can buy things in the market."

A large American operation supplies food for western Sudan and when Save the Children staff arrived in Nyala to start a distribution network they hired Nawal on the spot. "She is astonishing," said one Save the Children official, "all these sheikhs are hard men, used to getting their own way and about twice Nawal's size but she had them eating out of her hand."

Nawal will continue to work in the camp and help with food distribution in Nyala town until her new term begins. Her salary — high by local standards but poor when compared with the expatriates — will help with her fees and living costs but she will still have to think of some money-making ideas.

"I usually buy dried meat in Nyala and sell it in Khartoum and then take tea or gold jewellery to Cairo on the train. My latest idea is monkeys — Egyptians are always asking about them, so I might get some trapped round here and sell them as pets."

Simply by having an education, let alone making the 10-day journey by herself to study abroad, Nawal earns the disapproval of many in this Islamic country. It is noticeable that her actions and dress — hair completely covered, and enveloped in a sari-like sweeping "tobe" — are models of correct behaviour.

"Some people say it is shameful for me to work and to study abroad, but I take no notice." She has strong support from her father, who is obviously proud of his daughter. Asked why he takes such a liberal attitude, he replied through an interpreter that the Koran lays down that women should have equality in education.

Nawal is one of the new Sudanese women, making their presence felt. "Four years ago hardly any girls from here ever studied outside Nyala, now there are 12 Nyala girls at university in Egypt."

Her education is bringing a new questioning attitude about Islam and far higher expectations than her parents. Nawal's father married her mother when he was 16 and she was 11. Nawal says at 22 she is not yet ready for marriage, but will make her own choice when the time comes.

"After finishing my studies I will try to find a sensible man. The Sudanese men usually treat women badly, far too much like a master and servant. I want to find someone who will be a friend, someone I can share my life and my thoughts with."

Nick Cater

ZOE HERSOV: A veil is not a cause of oppression or inferiority

ZOE HERSOV felt sexless. For once her steel white hair, which has been with her since her twenties, was an added advantage as she wandered around Lahore in Pakistan.

"It was a wonderful feeling — you are somehow aware that the elderly woman is respected and that age, generally, is respectable. That brings a great sense of security: a feeling of being almost sexless," said Zoe Hersov, who is in her fifties. "While in the West the Joan Collinses of this world are in business to stay and look young, middle-aged women in Muslim society really do come into their own. They have a position of stature and can relax with their families around them."

She was recently in Lahore on a one week visit lecturing at the all girls Kinneard College and the university, organising workshops and meeting senior officials in her capacity as "careers adviser" to Muslim women. This was the first field trip since she was co-opted last year on to the Commission for Women and Work in Asia.

After a history degree at Vassar then a fellowship at the Sorbonne, Zoe Hersov embarked, rather late in life, on a theology degree at King's College, specialising in Islamic studies.

She is not a Muslim but believes that Islam as a religion and way of life is often quite deliberately misinterpreted by the West. Nowhere is this more apparent than in the West's perception of the position of women — where the veil, for example, is simplistically seen as symbol that women are still chattels. And, unfortunately, most Western attempts to look at or "liberate" their Muslim sisters have often, in all sincerity, held little relevance.

"What I have found, and again in Lahore, is that most educated Muslim women want emancipation within Islam — not from Islam. Islam is generally not seen by them as a cause of oppression," said Zoe Hersov.

"Their main concern is with the welfare of women, such as clear legal rights, being partners in marriage, economic rights, such as the right to inheritance, to control their own property as they want. Over the years Koranic laws and modes of conduct have become distorted, changed and manipulated by local custom and, of course, misused by men to rule women. All texts can be taken out of context — look no further than the Bible."

Two issues are fundamental in understanding the women's complex role within Islam. "In spite of the diversity of life throughout the Muslim world there is an essential unity created by the sharia law as set out in the Koran — this must not be underestimated. The other is that everything must be seen within the context of family life, remember that not being married is not really even considered an option.

"The veil, for example, is not a manifestation or cause of oppression or inferiority. It has been used — as in Iran — as a militant affirmation of all that was wrong with imperialism but the West has grabbed it as a sign of male oppression.

"If the West takes the view — free women from the veil — this is emancipation of the very worst sort," she adds.

"What they are working towards today is not the mechanical equality of the West since women, educated women, are not in strict competition with men. In a sense the traditional restrictions of local tradition, and Islam, have opened up tremendous opportunities for women who are now going through to the very top, highest level of their professions."

Because of social customs dictating that women should not work in the public arena they tend not to go into office work, sales and marketing, secretarial or clerical work.

"This is actually a very interesting facet because it means women are pushing for and going into professions rather than the lower paid more utility kind of work in offices. It could be said that women in the UK, and the West generally, were only taken in to the mass workplace because they were a cheap supply of easy labour and so have been forced into largely boring and unproductive jobs."

At the upper social end of most Muslim societies it would still be quite out of the question for young girls to go into jobs other than the professions such as law, medicine, architecture. "It is also easier for these girls to work than many families in the West because of the extended family which provides a network of great strength for any children. There are obviously still great handicaps for the lower classes but education is beginning to filter through at all levels."

She does admit that many educated Muslim girls and young women face tremendous problems when confronted with the more traditional parents. Many are far more concerned about an arranged marriage — or just marriage — than a sparkling career. One of the biggest problems occurs when women do go through a vigorous education only to be married off as quickly as possible.

Educating women to higher levels is also a direct incentive to keep down birth rates since the correlation between a decline in fertility and education is very strong. "Imported birth control is seen as offensive and presumptuous but the growing numbers of working women will lead to a natural decline in the birth rates. Governments are realising this fast and are taking positive steps to improve their education programmes."

There is an arrogant assumption in the West that our view of equality is the best, says Zoe Hersov. "There are still powerful conflicts between the generations and many women do still live under conditions we would consider oppressive. But I do believe we have a great deal to learn from their approach and experience."

Margareta Pagano

DR RASHA AL-SABAH: At a time of change, Kuwait needs to hear its women

KUWAIT'S New National Assembly was elected in February this year by 56,000 male literate Kuwaiti voters. The assembly was just one day old when it was handed a petition calling for the right for Kuwaiti women to vote. The unusual thing about this petition was that it was signed not by women but by professional men — engineers, pilots, lawyers, doctors.

"They know the role we're already playing in Kuwait," said Dr Rasha al-Sabah. She comes from one ruling al-Sabah family and is dean of languages at Kuwait University as well as being a leading women's rights activist.

The struggle to get the vote often hides how much wealthier and better educated Kuwaiti women — such as Dr Rasha — have achieved without it. They are energetic, elegant and busy, the most emancipated women in the Gulf. These women have for generations participated in the trading activities of the community. It's no surprise to find them running banks and companies, newspapers and legal practices, prominent in education, medicine and journalism.

But it is among the lower paid groups of Kuwaiti women where activists feel the vote is most needed. Nowadays, there are as many girls as boys in Kuwait's schools and girls outnumber boys at the university.

"They educate us," says Mrs Badria al-Hassan, who heads the women's section of the Kuwait Trade Union Federation. "Now they should use us." Mrs al-Hassan is a civil servant and reckons she represents the hardest working group of Kuwaiti women, in the less well paid ranks of the civil service.

"We need the vote because we need better pay," explained Mrs al-Hassan. "We need nurseries for our children, proper maternity leave, equal pay and opportunities, our own social allowances."

Opposition to the enfranchisement of women lies in the Muslim fundamentalist movement. This takes many forms in the Muslim world and Islam itself is often one of the less important ingredients. Conservatism, nostalgia for the old days which were invariably good, antipathy towards the dependence on foreign luxuries that characterises much modern Arab society are other factors. Women, who are still treated with great respect in the Gulf, are regarded as the embodiment of tradition and there are women of all ages who would like to leave it at that.

"After all," said a head-scarved student, "the respect is more than you have in the West, however much you vote."

Not all women want the vote. Some feel that women would only vote for men even more conservative than themselves — "we might end up *muhajibat*," said one civil servant who feels she is well off as she is. *Muhajibat* are the girls who have in the last few years taken to wearing the *hijab*, the tight headscarf that to the West often signifies extreme fundamentalism.

To the girls who wear it, conspicuous in the university, it is their way of stressing their individualism. "We're not just sex symbols in the latest Paris fashions," said one, who saw no frustration in the fundamentalist campaign. "Foreigners have run things here for too long."

Dr Rasha al-Sabah has no intention of wearing Muslim dress. "I consider myself as devout a Muslim as anyone but I also believe in freedom and tolerance," she said. She argues that Muslim fundamentalism is undermining the mutual respect between teacher and pupil and puts too much emphasis on externals. She is optimistic that the mood may be changing, both on and off the campus. "The great danger of fundamentalism is its tendency to depreciate the value of half the population just when we need them most," she says. "Kuwait needs to hear its women."

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Where could they be going, these Italian Joan Collinses?

Linda Blandford

THROUGH our hotel window in Bologna, we looked on to a large, ochre-coloured block of flats. We arrived in Italy during the afternoon and this building seemed deserted, every shutter tightly closed. There was that sense of bone-cold fatigue that comes with flying and arriving somewhere unfamiliar.

But as the afternoon light flattened out, the shutters slowly went up, clanging and heaving. Windows were thrown open; curtains drawn back. There before us was the rich and busy life of a score of provincial living rooms, heavy and ornate, slowly waking. In them, young and old, together and alike, were getting ready for the second half of the day. It had the effect of being at 20 theatres at once — and on each stage, the vivid and bustling characters sprang to life as we watched with fascination.

Forgetting for a second the tall ceilings, the dark and solid furniture, the brightly coloured birds in cages, the detail of each settled family home, it was still the sensation of looking through windows in the Italian districts of New York. The faces, the expressions, the gestures and movement: an ocean away and there was still this striking resemblance.

We had just come from Germany: no similarity there walking the streets at night, peeking through the lightened windows. We looked in vain for the unknown cousins and uncles of those who came to America. The break was total. Something happens in a generation in the new world: faces, accents, body sense fades and smoothes out. The blonde Poles take on the clipped, gaberdine character of the old Wasps; the Irish spread like butter becoming jovial and hearty. The mystery and magic of mountain peoples disappear; the terrible melancholy of the wastelands lives on only in the repertoire of black and grim jokes. The melting pot is not misnamed.

Yet it is not that way with Italians: something so strong survives that even here in this dull, sidestreet in Bologna, the recognition was immediate. Why do the others so quickly doff the bland and anonymous American camouflage? For many, it must be the simple knowledge that there is no going back. Their worlds have vanished, their lands are ruled by others, borders and walls forbid their return. But that alone does not explain it all. New York is full of Italians who left on crowded boats 30, 40 years ago and have talked ever since of returning — while often never setting foot there again. Still, however, their country before this lives on in their children.

On Broadway, up at 96th Street, two Italian brothers run a tiny, stand-up pizza shop: Sal's. It is, of course, famous in its shabby way and in the interminable arguments about whether Ray's Original Pizzas, now $1.19 a slice, are worth queuing for (the queues are there always), and whether Tom's isn't equally as good — someone always sings of the greatness to be found at Sal's.

The two brothers have stood and whirled dough, spread tomato and cheese in this narrow store for half a lifetime. To those with a minute to spare, they talk of Italy and of the day they will go back to visit their village and relatives. It cannot be money that holds them back; they just do not go.

Of course, in some way, it is the food that has kept Italy so alive in New York. There are many who can (and do — endlessly) talk over dinner about the right day to buy fresh Mozzarella at Balducci's, the figs at that shop near Carrara's, the impossibility of finding exactly aged parmesan.

Whatever the reasons, there is a love, a feeling of relish about all things Italian — and it is not only in New York, not a Main Street in America that does not embrace its Italian weeks in storefronts and fashion shows. The streetwise Italian — de Niro, Stallone — is still the male ideal. Armani's store on Madison Avenue — his label anywhere else — still sums up the image of elegance, relaxed and unutterably expensive.

And so perhaps it should have been no surprise that night to see the intermission crowd at the Bologna Festival Musica '85. "I grandi interpreti." Where could they be going these Italian Joan Collinses dressed in veiled hats, sequins and tantalising frocks? All those double-breasted men in soft, exclusive fabrics and softer shoes.

Indeed, it was as if Madison and Fifth Avenues' view of Italy was promenading here stiffly and in complete awareness of some imaginary camera. All these heads held high, these faces full of life and complicated humour — each line, each curling smile, how dearly America would love to look like this. And how dearly the Italians will pay for this popularity when the schools break up in June and thousands of jumbo jets take flight from Kennedy Airport bringing the Berlitz veterans from New York with their rich dollars and heavy guide books. Last year Beijing: this year Bologna.

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HAVING a bit of trouble with your Dependency Block? Need some fine tuning on your specific assertiveness? Try a couple of manuals to help pinpoint the faults and get your career ticking over nicely. Reach For The Top by Marilyn Davidson (Piatkus) and Strategies For Women At Work by Janice LaRouche and Regina Ryan will, for £3.95 each, give you a wealth of technical advice.

Both manuals take a pragmatic approach to the problems and barriers that prevent women getting the most out of their careers. The writers aren't out to change the rules of the road but they might just help you get in the fast lane.

So there you are all sorted out cruising along just nicely, your promotional drive smooth and steady and the problem with knocking when you go over thirty sorted out and what happens? New technology is what happens and if you're not careful you find you're in an obsolete model. Smothered By Invention edited by Wendy Faulkner and Erik Arnold (Pluto £7.95) makes it pretty clear how we are losing out at work to the microchip. Women are concentrated at the bottom of the computer hierarchy and losing jobs and skills to word-processors and micro-electronics. Technology is also losing out, as the authors make clear: If more women were involved in its design and control, technology would be a "less alienating, more socially beneficial and, perhaps, even liberating force."

The majority of working women don't run to anything as sleek and glossy as a career. Women's Working Lives by Susan Yeandle (Tavistock Publications, £7.95) is longitudinal study of 64 Kentish women. Yeandle takes a detailed view of her subjects, examining their domestic and wage labour and the various strategies they employ to scratch up a living. Long quotes from the women and detailed accounts of some of their lives have been used adding interest to a well researched thesis.

There are a lot of myths about women and crime — Criminal Women edited by Pat Carlen (Polity Press £4.95) should explode a few of them. The four women whose accounts make up the book are intelligent and articulate. They were once professional criminals (two of them very successful) — all four have spent long periods in prison and all four are now going straight. Female offenders are seen as doubly guilty — they offend against society and they offend against society's image of women.

They are doubly punished, expected to behave in a docile and "feminine" manner when imprisoned, they are beaten up and drugged when they don't. Behaviour considered normal in a male prisoner is abnormal in a female prisoner; fear of death, madness or the "muppet" wing force women prisoners to adopt survival tactics which are in themselves destructive. One of the contributors, Josie, having survived prison by "living the image of the big, tough criminal, has managed to drop her act by telling herself "Turn it off. That comes from prison." A considerable feat after the experiences she's had.

Susan Jeffreys

BABY By Michael Heath

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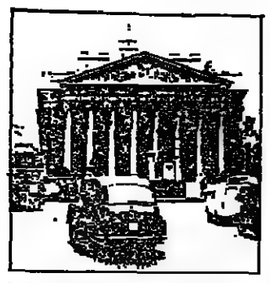

NOTEBOOK

Edited by Hamish McRae

IT MIGHT seem a bit early in the season for it, but already the heat, so to speak, is on the tour companies.

The problem is essentially one of overcapacity. GUS, with all its enormous financial resources, took the view that it could not earn a reasonable return from Global and did the obvious thing — which was to sell to the strongest competitor, Intasun.

But why is there overcapacity and why are holiday bookings dramatically down this year? The central point to make is that the travel business is going through much the same process as other consumer-orientated industries: it is becoming more specialist and more upmarket. People want real holidays, not the mass-produced two weeks on the Costa del Whatsit and mind you don't get mugged.

It is interesting to see how Intasun, which five years ago was overwhelmingly a mass-market operation, has been moving into things like skiing holidays since then. Tour operators now offer a much wider range of destinations, various activity holiday packages, and holidays tailored to individual preferences.

Looking ahead, there are two big questions facing the industry. The more immediate is whether the low level of advance bookings is an early warning sign of a squeeze of consumer spending which would most affect things for which there is an elastic demand, like holidays. Low early bookings may in part be the result of our growing financial sophistication — why lend money at no interest to a tour company by paying early when you can pick up wonderful deals by booking late? But they may signify something more sinister.

The longer-term question is whether it can develop new products to replace the two weeks on a beach by the Med which has fuelled its growth through the last 15 years. One of the two big components of the tour operators' cost advantage, the cheap charter flight, can be picked up by the individual. Cheap hotel rates are being eaten into by things like villa rentals.

The further advantage, that everything is done for the holidaymaker, is becoming less attractive for many segments of the market. People may come to prefer to do it themselves.

Holidays, like the rest of the leisure industry, ought still to be a growth market. But that is not going to help the weakest competitors this year. Expect, come the summer, the stories about people being stranded at airports as their tour operator goes belly-up.

Late show

AN INFLUENTIAL Edinburgh banker remarked this week that the trouble with the TSB Scotland was that the management spent so much of the last few years of reorganisation fighting each other for jobs that they lost sight of the Scottish political dimension. This is why independence for TSB Scotland has surfaced so surprisingly late in the progress through the House of Lords of the bill to float the whole TSB group on the stock market.

As an independent bank with £120 million of capital the TSB in Scotland would be comparable with Clydesdale, the Midland subsidiary, with more accounts but fewer deposits, because its customers are less prosperous. It could survive, given first rate management, and the Edinburgh banker saw it as quite a threat because so many young Scots open their first bank account with the TSB before moving on to other banks.

Whether it should now be separated out from the TSB group is an extremely difficult question to answer, not because it would be technically impossible but because the local management is apparently fully committed to being part of a much larger group. They are backed by the main union, BIFU, and unscrambling it all at this stage would be awkward. If they had thought of it three years ago . . .

The other issue is the ownership of the TSB group as a whole. Because it never had any clear legal ownership the Government was able to choose the option of converting it to a public company rather than to a mutual society owned by depositors.

The House of Lords has put in amendments to the bill to float the TSB which in effect put large chunks of shares into trust, either for charities — an idea accepted by the TSB — or for the benefit of depositors and staff, which both the TSB and the government reject.

Neither of these really tackles the root of the problem, which is that with hindsight a move to mutual status might actually have been the more daring and innovative, because it would have given an opportunity to develop a form of mutuality more responsive to the owners than the present oligopolies which run building societies and insurance companies.

Export cover

A RATHER clever new finance house is being launched today with over £100 million of funds to provide backing for exporters using the ECGD system.

The idea is really an application of the technique of factoring to export finance. Up to now an exporter can get 90 per cent of the proceeds of an export order guaranteed by the ECGD, which is fine. But it has to collect the money, run an overdraft until the funds are received, transfer them to sterling, arrange currency cover and so on.

The new firm, called the Export Finance Company Ltd, and owned by Electra Investment Trust, Legal and General, Arab Banking Corporatin, and First Pacific Holdings, puts all this together.

It pays the company the sterling value of an export order the moment the goods are shipped, providing the order has been insured under the short-term ECGD scheme, allowing the company to forget about the whole problems of payment, and currency conversion. It gets its profit out of charging interest at roughly overdraft rate to the company, based on the average delay the company used to meet in getting its bills paid.

So the whole scheme employs the fact that ECGD-guaranteed export orders are absolutely solid assets to offer a form of finance to exporters which, in theory at least, ought to cost no more than an overdraft.

The innovation brings two important British financial institutions more into competition with the traditional banks. If it catches on it could be the start of something big.

Troubled group's UK lenders agree to provide special standby facility

Banks stay with Burnett and Hallamshire

By Geoffrey Gibbs

Burnett and Hallamshire, the troubled opencast mining and property group, has secured continued backing from its bankers while it battles to come to grips with the heavy burden of borrowings that have been weighing down the business.

The Burnett and Hallamshire chairman Mr Eric Grayson disclosed yesterday that the group's UK lending banks have agreed to provide a special standby facility and are keeping existing facilities in place "on an interim basis" while a detailed financial and business review of B and H's worldwide operations is carried out.

Under the planned wide ranging rationalisation B and H is now proposing a total withdrawal from its costly involvement in the property development business in California — where some estimates put the group's investment at around $100 million — and a cutback in exposure to the hard pressed US coal mining industry.

As a first step towards reorganising its operations the group has reached agreement to dispose of the UK Petroleum Products company to Powell Duffryn for £10.3 million in cash. Proceeds of the sale will be used to reduce the current burden of debt which has risen substantially from the £66 million reported at the group's March 1984 balance sheet date under the combined pressures presented by the year long miners strike, the strength of the dollar and the heavy cost of financing six office developments in California.

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But the twin announcements did not entirely reassure the stock market where B and H shares fell a further 5p to 50p each on concern about what results for the past financial year will eventually reveal. Earlier this year the shares stood at 190p and only two years ago, before profits suffered a dramatic collapse, they were changing hands for as much as £4 each.

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Bosses' wages beat inflation

By Michael Smith, Industrial Editor

EARNINGS of management and directors in British industry and commerce are climbing at twice the rate of inflation and out-pacing the pay rises being awarded to shop-floor workers.

According to an authoritative nationwide pay survey for the British Institute of Management, earnings for managers and directors climbed by 10.6 per cent in 1984 and look set to rise by a further 10 per cent this year.

The big advance in higher wage earners' pay may prove embarrassing to the Government which has become increasingly strident in its calls for pay restraint on the shop-floor. The inflationary implications will also cause concern.

The BIM figures also follow some spectacular recent pay rises for Britain's highest-paid directors which have also underlined the contradictions of the current pay round.

However the Government yesterday leapt to the defence of big pay rises given to company directors when Lord Young, the Minister Without Portfolio, said: "Unless we get men of proven ability and talent at the head of our enterprises, we will not get the employment we sorely need."

Speaking in the Lords, he said it was for companies, not the Government, to decide what pay level was right.

However, Labour's Lord Stoddart attacked moves by ICI to raise the pay of its chairman, John Harvey-Jones by 66 per cent to £237,000 a year when ordinary employees were being harangued by the Government to expect low wage increases to save jobs.

The BIM figures confirm that management in industry and commerce are enjoying bigger pay rises than average employees.

After adjusting for tax and inflation, the pay of management grew in real terms by 5.1 per cent in 1984 compared with a real advance of only 2.8 per cent for average employees.

The rapid rise in the pay of management and directors reflects the rising trend of company profitability in 1984 and the expected upturn for 1985. In addition management in industry is increasingly being rewarded with profit-linked bonuses to supplement their pay.

Speaking for the BIM, Roy Close explained: "For the first time in many years managers' net real pay has improved at a better rate than did national earnings. To a large extent this reflects the increased profitability of companies."

TSB to unveil safeguards for Scots offshoot

By Peter Rodgers, City Editor

TSB chairman Sir John Read will this morning propose new safeguards for the management autonomy if the group's Scottish subsidiary, aimed at breaking the House of Lords deadlock over the bill to float the whole group on the stock market. He is expected to involve Scottish institutions in preserving the Scottish nature and management of the bank, through its local board.

But he will strongly resist proposals to separate out the Scottish TSB from the main group during the flotation, either with a 49 per cent minority local ownership or with its own independent sale on the stock market.

The "49 per cent" solution is also rejected as irrelevant by the peers such as Lord Taylor of Gryfe who are leading the campaign the preserve the independence of TSB Scotland. But there is still pressure for a complete separation from the TSB group which Sir John is resisting, backed the Banking, Insurance and Finance Union, both nationally and locally.

Lord Taylor was responsible for an amendment which excluded the Scottish TSB from the legislation. The government subsequently asked Sir John to find a way of satisfying the objections of the Scottish peers because it is unwilling to steamroller the bill through in its present form. Sir John has to find a compromise in time to get the bill through this session.

Sir John said yesterday: "We are going to put proposals to Lord Taylor and his colleagues which we hope are going to satisfy him on some of the fears he has raised, with a view to ensuring the continuation of TSB Scotland with its own board as an independently run company in the TSB group."

If the Lords refuse to compromise, this could leave little alternative to a separate sale of the TSB Scotland, which with £120 million capital represents 16 per cent of the TSB group. Sir John maintains that it would not be strong enough to survive on its own, it would not be able to continue using the TSB name, logo and designs and would have to set up its own services such as credit cards which are at present run by the group.

The TSB has however agreed with the Government to offer a compromise on another Lords amendment from Labour which said that 10 per cent of the shares should be kept in trust for working people. It will not accept a specific figure or a reference to working people but the TSB does accept the principle, which is already enshrined in its promise to set aside shares for the benefit of charities.

Another amendment giving power to vary the price at which shares are offered to various categories of buyers has been accepted, but an SDP proposal to put 25 per cent of the shares in trust for depositors and staff is being resisted.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Renault retreats

FRENCH state-owned car maker Renault, until recently Europe's leading car seller, yesterday announced a 12.55 billion franc (£1.7 billion) net loss for 1984. This is eight times the 1983 loss of 1.58 billion francs. In an immediate reaction, the finance minister, Pierre Beregovoy, said on television the state would "do its duty" as the only shareholder in Renault, which has been at the heart of a recent debate about the future of French nationalised industry.

But he added: "It is up to the firm itself ... to take the measures necessary for a turnaround in its accounts."

JAGUAR Cars and Coventry police confirmed yesterday that a report is now being prepared for the Director of Public Prosecutions which could lead to charges of corruption being brought against Jaguar employees and staff of a number of components suppliers.

THE level of consumer spending in the first quarter of 1985 was exactly the same as in the preceding quarter, based on 1980 prices, the Government said yesterday with a fall in expenditure on food balanced by increased spending in other areas, particularly on energy consumption.

ONE IN three businessmen believe that the number of people in employment in Britain is likely to increase as a result of the budget, a survey by the Institute of Directors has revealed, but pessimistically, only one in 10 of the businessmen interviewed anticipated that their own firms would take on extra workers because of the budget.

Opec beats output ceiling

By John Hooper, Energy Correspondent

Opec's output is now running at substantially more than its self-imposed ceiling, the authoritative Middle East Economic Survey said yesterday. The newsletter put the current level of production at 16.4 million barrels a day — 400,000 over the limit.

The report comes just as demand is weakening in the industrial nations of the northern hemisphere because of milder weather, and — if true — it could signal another slide in the price. Ominously, from Opec's standpoint, Egypt yesterday announced a cut in the price of its crude.

Estimates vary of the amount of crude that will be needed from Opec during the second quarter of this year. MEES put demand at between 15.6 and 15.8 million barrels a day. The International Energy Agency in its latest monthly report put it at 15.9 million barrels a day. But even Opec's own market monitoring committee chairman, Dr Mana Said al-Otaiba, who has a vested interest in "talking up" demands, yesterday forecast that t would be no more than 16.5 million barrels a day.

According to MEES, Nigeria, Libya, Indonesia, Ecuador and the United Arab Emirates were all producing more than their agreed share, but their overproduction was to some extent offset by relatively low output in Saudi Arabia and Iran.

Saudi Arabia, with a quota of 4.35 million bd, was producing some 3.9 million and Iran 1.9 million (quota 2.3 million bd). Now that so much Opec oil was effectively moving at market-related prices, tight control of volume was doubly important, the newsletter said.

Egypt, which is not a member of Opec but until earlier this year tried to keep in step with the cartel, cut its price by 75 cents for May. It exports about a third of its output, which currently totals some 850,000 bd.

Go-ahead sought for Stolport in London's docklands

By Michael Smith

Pressure is mounting on Environment Secretary, Patrick Jenkin, to give the long awaited go ahead for the development of a new mini airport in London's docklands.

Mr Jenkin is being pressed by Mowlem, the builders, Brymon Airways and the London Docklands Development Corporation to end two-and-a-half years of uncertainty and approve the £15 million airport, known as Stolport because it will use special short take-off and landing aircraft.

The last major hurdle was overcome last week when the Greater London Council and the London Borough of Newham decided not to appeal against a High Court ruling blocking their plans to re-open the public inquiry.

Mr Jenkin has already given a clear indication that he supports the Stolport project and Philip Beck, chairman of Mowlem, said yesterday: "In Mowlem's view there is no reason why planning permission should not be granted immediately."

Mr Beck said he was "extremely perturbed" about the time and expense of obtaining planning approval.

Mowlem's case is strongly supported by the London Docklands Development Corporation whose chief executive, Reg Ward, said: "Our planning for the regeneration of the dockland area relies heavily on a favourable decision for the Stolport."

Mr Jenkin is also being pressed by Brymon Airways, who are anxious to begin services from the 90 acre site of the former Royal Docks by October 1986. Brymon is awaiting Mr Jenkin's decision before investing £40 million in six new de Havilland Dash 7 short take-off and landing turbo prop aircraft.

It is estimated that the Stolport project will provide up to 600 direct and indirect jobs and the LDDC is hopeful that it will trigger off further important investment programmes in the docklands.

The Department of Environment said last night that Mr Jenkin was still considering the planning application decision.

Intasun takes over Global in £5m deal

By Geoffrey Gibbs

Global of London, the package holidays and coach tours operator, is being taken over by Mr Harry Goodman's Intasun Leisure Group in a deal expected to involve around £5 million.

Intasun, the country's second largest package tour company, has agreed to acquire the Global board immediately to the current summer season. But Mr Goodman and the group's managing director, Mr Peter Smith, are joining the Global board immediate to take charge of all forward planning.

Global has been part of the Great Universal Stores mail order and retailing empire for the past 28 years. Although the holiday company traded profitably last year GUS recognises that because of its comparatively small number of air holidays it is not able to compete effectively with the major tour companies and has been looking to dispose of the business to a larger operator for some months. The sale comes against the background of a sharp drop in bookings for the holiday industry as a whole.

The acquisition will take Intasun into two new areas of operation — incoming tourism to Europe through Global's overland coaching programme, and the domestic coaching market — and the addition of Global's package holiday capacity will lift the group still closer to the number one package holiday spot still occupied by Thomson.

BP bank bother

by John Hooper

BP said yesterday that it was looking in to the possibility of offering banking services to motorists by using its own funds. But before such a move could take place, BP Finance International, the company's "in-house bank" which was set up at the beginning of this year, would need to get the Bank of England to grant it the status of a Licensed Deposit Taker.

BP already runs an operation in Scotland, in association with the Clydesdale Bank, which enables motorists to pay for their petrol with a special credit card. The card can also be used to obtain cash at petrol stations.

These facilities are now available at 26 BP stations in Glasgow and Aberdeen, but they have never been tried out south of the border because, BP says, of difficulties peculiar to the banking system in England and Wales.

Going it alone would be one way round the problem. BP Oil's Marketing Director said: "If we can provide what are virtually drive-in banks, then it must be good for our own business," but a spokesman stressed that no decision had been taken to go ahead.

Wesco faces winding up

By Rosemary Collins

A company which advertised widely that it could supply new cars from abroad at substantially less than UK dealers' prices faces a compulsory winding up petition after a Department of Trade and Industry investigation.

Wesco Ltd., of Liverpool, was investigated under Section 109 of the Companies Act 1967, a procedure which is always carried out confidentially, following complaints that cars for which deposits were paid were not delivered.

So far 300 customers have been identified, of whom no more than a handful have received cars. The Official Receiver is acting as provisional liquidator until the hearing of the winding up petition, expected on June 10, and would like to hear from any other Wesco customers or suppliers.

Dollar gains as Reagan dismisses tax reforms

By Margareta Pagano

The dollar pushed ahead more than two cents against the pound in late trading yesterday on market hopes that US interest rates will stay high following President Reagan's rejection of any tax reform.

Mr Reagan told a Washington conference that any "so-called" tax reforms — tax increases in disguise — could be ruled out. This reinforced prospects that interest rates will continue at present levels to support the huge budget deficit unless consumer spending is brought under control.

After tumbling in the afternoon — with the release of the March durable goods orders, which showed a 2.2 per cent decline rather than the forecast 0.5 per cent rise — the dollar firmed up to close against sterling at $1.2540. It closed at 3.0690 against the German mark. The pound had been trading as high as $1.2820 but fell at one point by over three cents. The effective index came back to close at 78.8 against 79.3. the pound was almost unchanged against the Dm at 3.8526.

Officials in Washington were quick to insist that the sharp increase in the American consumer price index during March was a temporary hiccup rather than a further sign of economic fragility pointing to a return to higher inflation.

Largely because of a sharp turnaround in petrol prices, which had been falling, the index rose 0.5 per cent in March, the worst month for more than a year, and the equivalent of an annual rate of 5.8 per cent inflation. After a year's moratorium, medical fees rose as did new and second hand car prices. But food stabilised after the effects of the cold winter on production, as did electricity prices.

Labour Department officials stressed that the index, which rose only 3.7 per cent last year, had risen sharply "but it's not that unusual. We do not expected to change in 1985 around that much," said one departmental economist. Overall inflation in the US has been running at around 4 per cent for several years and is not expected to change despite despite yesterday's figures.

Sizing up the software

By Peter Large, Technology Correspondent

Britain's computer services industry grew by 20 per cent last year, producing a total turnover of £2.12 billion. Less than 10 per cent of those sales were in exports.

Those are statistics, not necessarily facts. They come from the Department of Trade and Industry's latest, broader attempt to pinpoint the performance of this crucial sector of wealth creation — the output of the nation's 100,000 or so computer software professionals.

The first objection is that the DTI's figures relate only to software and service sales. Therefore, there has been no attempt to asssess the overall software input in a wide range of British products, from pop-up toasters to phone exchanges.

The DTI's statistics division also acknowledged yesterday that the figures blur even that restricted analysis — because they include the turnovers of computer services subsidiaries of big industrial groups, whose sales are often overwhelmingly within their parent group.

Third, the figures do not include the sales by separate overseas subsidiaries of British software houses.

Despite those ambiguities, Dr Doug Eyeions, director-general of the industry's representative body, the Computing Services Association, said their own figures matched the estimate of a 20 per cent growth last year — though the DTI's overall total of sales was double reality and the true rate of exports was between 13 and 14 per cent.

Dr Eyeions said the 20 per cent growth matched the performances of the US and the rest of Europe, though he agreed that UK firms are still behind the US in sales here of generalised software packages, a business growing by about 40 per cent a year.

The DTI has previously collected statistics only from the computer services industry's bigger firms, but this time it also made a sample survey across the many small software houses, estimated to total about 15,000. It found that about 30 per cent of firms regard manufacturing as their primary market, 20 per cent concentrate on the distributive trades, and 20 per cent on financial services.

Warning by NCC

By Rosemary Collins

THERE is a danger that the break up of trading standards departments now run by the metropolitan countries will lead to inconsistency of law enforcement, and poor value for money for taxpayers and ratepayers, the National Consumer Council chairman, Mr Michael Montague, warned yesterday.

He hoped that the Local Government Bill, now being considered by the House of Lords, would be amended there to set up joint boards of trading standards services covering the present metropolitan county council areas. This was a suggestion first put up by the Institute of Trading Standards Administration, with which the NCC agreed, Mr Montague said.

"The reasons are simple. The service deals with complex, technical matters. Combination brings economies of scale. Duplication means resources wasted. Taxpayers and ratepayers will get better value for money from a trading standards service organised at county level."

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Sotheby's makes a dazzling impression on New York

Donald Wintersgill on the auctioneers' battle over the Gould art collection

FLORENCE GOULD, an immensely wealthy American who lived in France, bequeathed her fortune to a charitable foundation when she died in 1983. Very soon Sotheby's and Christie's were competing fiercely with each other for the business of selling her jewels, furniture, silver, and pictures.

Sotheby's has carried away the prize, the collection of pictures which is being sold in New York today and tomorrow. It was a close-run thing.

Among the works are examples by Van Gogh, Renoir, Toulouse-Lautrec, Matisse, Gauguin; and Cézanne. Nobody knows how much they will fetch, but $30 million to $40 million might be a good guess.

Christie's won he first round in the battle for the Gould riches by winning the sale of her jewels. The auction was held in New York; but before that a selection was shown in London and six American cities.

It was during the show in London in January last year that a little local difficulty arose. Four armed men raided Christie's premises during the public viewing, smashed showcases, grabbed jewellery, and made off. Some but not all of the loot was from the Gould collection. A reward of £1 million was offered but the raiders were never caught.

The auction was held in New York and was a success. A necklace of sapphires and diamonds fetched £916,666. The biggest of the sapphires, called the Blue Princess, is of more than 114 carats, and is the size of a 10p piece. It at one time belonged to an Indian maharaja. The sale, in April last year, brought in £5,620,000. All New York attended, to see and be seen. Christie's had six parties before the auction.

Bringing in the rich socialites to a sale like this is one of the tools of marketing. But now it was Sotheby's turn.

Sotheby's won from the trustees of Mrs Gould's estate the business of selling the furniture, silver, and other trifles from her villa near Cannes, called El Patio.

A suitable place for the auction was Monaco because Mrs Gould was a great hostess on the Riviera as well as in Paris. Again, glittering parties were held before the auction. The furniture and so forth — not of the highest quality — brought in £4,820,000; another success.

But at this point the big question was still in the air — which firm would sell the pictures? Rumours abounded about the collection — that it was worth £100 million; that Mrs Gould had bought many of the works direct from the artists' studios. The truth was not quite so dramatic.

The collection does include some very great works but it also includes some dull ones. Most of it was assembled comparatively late in Mrs Gould's life.

Both Sotheby's and Christie's put detailed proposals to the trustees of the estate, the most influential of whom appears to have been John Young, partner in Mrs Gould's American firm of lawyers.

The president and chief executive officer of Sotheby Holdings, Mr Michael L. Ainslie, tells Sotheby's side of what happened. "We wanted to assert our position in the market place," he says. Sotheby's had been through a bad patch, with losses, sackings of hundreds of staff, and a takeover by Mr Alfred Taubman and other wealthy American businessmen.

But Sotheby's was on its feet again. Mr Ainslie says: "We offered to show the Gould pictures in London and other European cities as well as in New York, so that plenty of potential buyers could see them.

"We said that we would hold the auction in April, not in May with other Impressionists auctions. We could have held it at the same time as other Impressionists sales and that would have been a benefit for us — the Gould pictures would have been a bait for owners of other pictures to send them to us. It's the coat-tail or piggyback effect.

"That decision took courage.

Toulouse-Lautrec's La Clownesse Cha-U-Kao is expected to fetch between $2.5 million and $3.5 million

"And we set aside an entire gallery in our New York premises for six weeks for viewing of the pictures. People can be there alone for hours in peace and quiet."

These are not the only considerations. Auctioneers generally make their income in two ways — commission of 10 per cent from the seller and commission or "buyer's premium" of 10 per cent from the buyer.

But to gain really valuable collections for sale the auctioneers are prepared to charge no seller's commission at all and to rely only on the buyer's premium. It is fairly certain that Sotheby's are not charging the Gould executors a penny.

Another financial consideration may have come in. The art market will be awash with goodies between the end of April and the end of June, perhaps $125 million worth. To digest all that without a hiccup might not be easy.

Sotheby's, therefore, came out with a scheme to expand its usual credit terms to buyers, which are 90 days for approved people (with interest).

Buyers at the Gould sale are being offered a year's credit, with interest, on half the purchase price. The loans will be to blue chip clients and old clients, not to "investors." Interest will be charged at between the US prime rate and prime plus 3 per cent. The interest is tax deductible.

Sotheby's won the day, but Christie's offered very similar terms, equally seductive, on all the points except perhaps holding the sale on its own in April. When the negotiations were going on, Christie's was expanding its premises in New York and could not guarantee that the work would be done on schedule.

Christie's and others in the art market are dismissive of Sotheby's financing scheme — half of the price on the nail, the other half on the never-never.

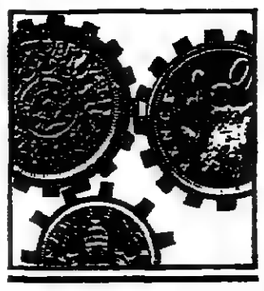
One dealer says: "Borrowing implies that the buyer can't afford to pay straight off. Are these the people you want to have? But if Christie's were approached for some kind of long-term finance, and if the buyer was financially sound, no doubt Christie's could arrange something."

The marketing by Sotheby's of the Gould collection is effervescent. All sorts of parties, lunches, and dinners have been thrown. All New York wants to attend the sale. New York loves the social prestige and the glamour that surround a event like this.

And Sotheby's expenses have been big too — in advertising, insurance, printing, and entertainment. The final bill is likely, according to the American magazine Art and *Auction, to be well over $1* million. But Sotheby's is bound to make a sound profit, and it is bound to have gained in the long battle for business and status.

Time is running out for Lawson's inflation plan

Andrew Tylecote outlines how the Chancellor's strategy may rebound



ECONOMICS AGENDA

THIS government takes enormous pride in its scorn for cheap, short-term popularity. Previous governments knew what had to be done and started doing it, but chickened out when they saw the unemployment figures rising and an election looming. Not this one — "lady's not for turning"

How would the British public feel if they found that they had been fooled — that the truth was just the other way about: it was the gains, such as they were, which were short-term, and the losses which would endure and multiply? The only tangible achievement of this government, the fall in the inflation rate, results from aspects of its deflationary policies which are *inevitably transient.*

A recession causes businesses, much against their will, to accumulate stocks of unsold goods, to put workers short-time working or at least cut back their overtime, and to run well below full-capacity working. All these changes strengthen employers in their bargaining with unions, and it is they, much more than rising unemployment, which account for the slowing down of wage increases which almost always happens in recessions.

But of course sooner or later (and the sooner the better from most points of view) those unsold stocks will be sold off, normal rates of overtime working will be resumed, and excess plant capacity either brought back into use, or scrapped. Such a return to normality used to take place through reflation and relatively quickly; under this government it has taken place without reflation and more slowly, through mass redundancies and factory closures, with all the pain and waste which that implies; but it has been happening none the less and is now nearly complete.

The fact that this time "normality" is accompanied by mass unemployment makes much less difference than is generally supposed: employers have to bargain with the people in work, not those out of work, and while those in work may be made more "moderate" in their pay demands by the fear of unemployment, on the other hand they are made *less* moderate by the extra burden of taxes they have to carry because of that same unemployment.

What does make a great deal of difference, much more than is generally supposed, is the exchange rate. It is the fact that exchange rates now float, and tend to float up, when economies are deflated, which largely accounts for this government's persistence in its policies, and its survival.

When it came in, it imposed a harsh monetary squeeze which drove up interest rates: that (and North Sea oil, which we shall come back to in a moment) pushed up the exchange rate to a level which was crippling for much of British industry, but kept down prices — not only of imports but of British goods which had to compete with them.

It was this which made the Thatcher deflation quite a pleasant experience for many of those who were lucky enough to keep their jobs — unlike previous deflations, in the days when exchange rates were (more or less) fixed, which were all loss, and no gain to anybody. But no more than any of the other apparent benefits, can such a rise in exchange rate last: what goes up must come down, once the "overvalued" country's industrial base has been eroded enough to cause a balance of payments deficit in spite of the deflation.

This of course is where North Sea oil comes in: it has made such a huge contribution to the balance of payments that for a long time it has counterbalanced even the near collapse of British manufacturing. Now, however, that we have not only a rapidly widening deficit on manufacturing trade, but a growing threat of a fall in the oil price, sterling is once again very vulnerable.

Why should this be a such a threat — surely the pound has fallen a long way, against the dollar at least, without any more than a hiccup in the inflation figures?

There is a common misunderstanding here: it is believed that the fall in the exchange rate to be most feared is that against the dollar, because raw material prices are set in dollars, while a fall vis-a-vis say the German mark or the yen would be a good thing, since they are our main competitors at home and abroad. So, since we have had a lot of what we most feared, and very little of what we wanted, we have probably touched bottom, and things can only get better.

But let us look closer. First, raw material prices may be expressed in dollars, but that does not mean much: in current weak world markets, when the dollar rises against other currencies, the dollar prices of commodities have to fall in order to maintain demand; and that is what has happened. Second, we may well look forward to a fall vis-a-vis the Western European and Japanese currencies, since it was the corresponding rise, after 1979 that drove so much of British industry out of business; but we must recognise the "flip-side."

We now import much of our manufactures from these countries, without the option of switching back to our own domestic products: so when they raise their prices we must pay the increase; and when the pound falls against those currencies, that is what *will happen. But that is not* all: the surviving British companies compete, at home and abroad, not against each other, so much as against European and Japanese firms: as the pound falls, vis-a-vis those currencies, British firms will have the chance to raise their own prices; and they will.

Not only prices: wages, too. For in manufacturing industry, these last few years, wages have been held down largely by the knowledge — now shared by union officials and shop stewards — that an overvalued pound gave no room to raise costs any further, against foreign competition. Overvaluation weakened unions' bargaining position and stiffened management's. That is the only respect in which the wage bargaining scene is not yet back to "normal."

End the overvaluation and we are back, in that sense, to pre-Thatcher normality — to the long-term prospect of rebuilding our industry, and the immediate certainty of strong inflationary pressure on wages. I have found that for every 10 per cent improvement in British competitiveness in price and costs, there was a 4 per cent increase in wage earnings in manufacturing — and that was after allowing for the effect of retail price rises.

The pound, as we all know, is now a "petro-currency" because of the North Sea; but it is doubly a petro-currency vis-a-vis the Japanese, Germans, French etc because they (unlike the Americans) are large oil importers, and stand to gain a great deal by a fall in the oil price. Should the price of oil fall, then, the pound will fall, and their currencies will rise: against the pound they will rise a long way. They would have risen against it quite a long way already, but for the high interest rate policy in Britain.

And what has been keeping the oil price up? The CEGB's extra oil burn helped during the coal strike, and that is now over; but the main factors are fast growth in the US economy, which has been buoying up world demand, and the Gulf War, which has kept some Iranian oil and more Iraqi oil, off the market. Lose one of these props and the oil price will fall; lose both, and it will probably plummet.

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Florence Gould: especially fond of Pekinese

Bejewelled founder of Riviera society

FLORENCE GOULD was a great collector of furniture, silver, books, Impressionist and later works of art, and jewels. The Shah of Iran once said that her collection of jewels was the only one to rival his. She wore them constantly—at breakfast, on the back of an elephant when on holiday in Cambodia, writes Donald Wintersgill.

She was a grande dame of society on the Riviera and of French intellectual life. She was half French and half American, and she bequeathed the bulk of her fortune to a foundation to further Franco-American understanding.

Florence Gould's father was a Frenchman who made a fortune in the United States as a publisher. She was born in San Francisco and trained to be a singer. Her first marriage ended in divorce: she then married, as his third wife, Frank Jay Gould, son of Jay Gould.

Jay Gould made an immense fortune from railroads, the Western Union telegraph company, and the New York elevated railroad. but Frank Jay Gould was ostracised by polite society in the United States because of his sexual peccadilloes with women; he went to live on the Riviera in 1912. He and Florence helped to build up the Riviera as a playground for the wealthy and at the same time made money from developing property there.

Florence Gould became a patron of leading artists and writers and had a salon every Thursday, in her Paris home, attended by—among many others—Gide, Cocteau, Maurine, Dali, and Dubuffet.

Mrs Gould founded typically French prizes for poetry, musical composition, engraving, and criticism, and for this work was made an officer of the Legion d'Honeur. She collected paintings under the guidance of her friend Daniel Wildenstein, the great dealer. And she and her husband gave large sums to medical institutions.

She was also devoted to animals, especially Pekinese, and—very appropriately—to frogs. She thought that frogs were endangered and so, in an ornamental pool in the courtyard of her villa near Cannes, she set up a sanctuary for them, but without success.

Frank Gould died in 1956 and she died, aged 87, in 1983. She was a social institution.

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COMPANY BRIEFING

Exhaust firm blows hot

Stronger trading in the second half of the year saw Kwik-Fit, the tyre and exhaust business, push profit and sales to record levels last year. Market forecasts had been prepared for a fall in profit.

Pre-tax earnings came out at £4.2 million, compared with £4.1 million last time, on sales up by nearly £6 million at £61.1 million. Before higher interest chargts, operating profit was up to £5 million against £4 million last time.

Kwik-Fit's chairman, Mr Tom Farmer, said profit in the second half of the year rose 39 per cent to £2.45 million. The stronger trading in the latttr half came through after vigorous steps were taken to improve the group's market share of the tyre and exhaust replactment business, and by keeping tight control over costs with its computerised information system.

After a shake-out among exhaust manufacturers following the fierce price-cutting in the first half, there is now evidence of recovery in the exhaust market. Kwik-Fit has been able to fight off some of the price cutting through aggressive advertising and the introduction of a partnership profit sharing scheme which has made ehployees far more cost conscious. Advertising last year took £4.7 million and a similar amount will be spent this year.

On the exhaust side, Mr Farmer said it was the average job value which had fallen rather than turnover, and if it had been able to maintain job values of the previous year profits woul dhave been some £2.5 million higher. With the recent stability values were now moving ahead, but the group would not be able to recover all of the profit lost.

Trading at present is running at some 30 per cent higher than this time last year. Another 36 depots opened last year and some 30 new specialist repair outlets are planned to be opened this year. Kwik-Fit's six French depots have been closed.

The total dividend is 1.72p, a 17 per cent rise on last year's payment.

Microlease explains

Since announcing a rise in profits from £582,000 to £703,000 for the year to February, Mr David Rennie, chairman of the USM-quoted electronic equipment renter Microlease has seen the shares in his company plunge 65p to 340p. Although they were back up to 350p yesterday he felt moved to issue a further statement on the group which got them back up to 363p by the close of trading.

He said that within the results reported there had been a significant bias in favour of first-half trading. The "abnormally high rates of utilisation" reported for the first half did not continue into the second six months. Also the third quarter had been flat contrary to the experience in previous years. Sales had not recovered until the New Year.

Christmas had been particularl yslac kwith more equipment returned than the group had previously experienced.

What pleased the market, however, was his statement that income in the first month of the current trading year has been substantially up and that the present order intake is the highest "in the life of the company".

Mr Rennie is confident that when he reports again "it will be with further good news of the company's solid growth".

Stockley is top bidder for SCIT stake

THE YOUNG Stockley property group is the successful buyer of the 22.4 per cent stake in the Stock Conversion and Investment Trust property business which was sold by auction following the death of Mr Robert Clark. Stockley won the auction against rivals which included British Land and Friends Provident.

Stockley, which just 15 months ago was valued at some £4 million, is paying about 567p a share for the stake or around £66 million in total for the complex share and loan note deal. The agreement is for 44.4 million 10p shares in Stockley and £37.9 million nominal of 5 per cent unsecured loan notes in Stockley.

Jacob Rothschild Holdings, in its new guise as investment dealers, is behind the transaction and will provide banking support for Stockley, which it has backed since it emerged as a fledging property group. JRH is providing Stockley with a facility of £38 million, to pay for the loan note redemptions. For this it will receive commission of £600,000 which will be used to subscribe for shares in Stockley at 70p a share.

Morgan Grenfell, Stockley's bankers, will be placing the shares with institutions at 70p a share to help the Clark family which sold the stake via, the Equity Trust, receive cash. About half the shares will be available for recall to avoid any criticism of yet another vendor placing which shuts out small shareholders.

Stockley, which is chaired by Mr Ronald Peet, said it has no plans to bid for Stock Conversion, valued at around £250 million, for at least six months. Speculation in the market yesterday suggested that a takeover bid by Stock Conversion for Stockley, with a market tag of around £140 million, is a more likely strategy. Shares in SCIT slipped 8p to 485p on the news, while shares in Stockley dipped 2p to 75p.

Mr Harry Norris, SCIT's chairman, said the group had no plans to bid for Stockley nor did it relish any bid attempts by Stockley.

In another deal JRH has agreed to sell Stockley its 2.1 million (or 4 per cent) stake in SCIT at 545p a share. JRH's option runs out on May 3 and if it goes through Stockley will control 26.5 per cent of SCIT. Stockley is already in the middle of a share deal with European Ferries to buy EF's UK property interests. After the transactions EF will control just under 30 per cent of Stockley's votes and 35 per cent of the shares.

Boustead cuts losses

International trader, Boustead is looking to return to profitability this year after reducing its pre-tax losses from £844,000 to £106,000 in 1984.

The management has been working hard to sort out the mess at King Trailers, where it discovered during the year that the net assets and profit and loss account had been overstated in the 1983 balance sheet by £1.1 million. However, the trading problems have been elsewhere.

The board says that losses in the Australian operation and in the UK soft commodity business were the major factors in the loss. The Singapore engineering operations achieved a "significant" turnround and Rich Monde made "excellent profits" and retained its market lead.

At King Trailers the board had naturally made management changes while accounting controls have been strengthened. The auditors have made a full statement. King Trailers made a pre-tax profit of over £300,000 in the year.

The other UK interests, except soft commodities, all returned "satisfactory results" especially the Metal Supplies associate. The group's shares closed 2p down at 77p.

Formal future

The message from Solihull is that formal wear is coming back. Manny Silverman, the chief executive of Moss Bros, the dress hire market leader, says that a pilot scheme being run by the group in Solihull specialising solely in formal wear is going well. Another is to open in Guildford, and although the venture does not look like paying off for some time, Mr Silverman is hopeful that a chain of similar shops could bring in some £300,000 per shop in turnover.

Manny Silverman

Meanwhile, the mainstream clothes retailing and hire business managed a 57 per cent jump in profits to £1 million in the year to January 26 from 57 outlets. Margins widened as a result of the rationalisation following the purchase of the Fairdale chain. But the group has done as much as it can in this direction. Perhaps this is the factor behind the plunge in the shares of 20p to 391p yesterday.

Mr Silverman had no explanation except that perhaps the market had looked for more than the £1 million profit which had been generally expected and indeed produced. Trading so far this year is "not too bad" with turnover up 10 per cent on last year.

If the formal wear chain is little more than a project at this stage so is the group's proposed redevelopment of its flagship headquarters in Covent Garden. Carried on the books at just £1.2 million, it could be worth anything up to £16 million after development, but so far the group's planning application to Westminster council has been called in by the GLC and progress is likely to be slow.

Mr Silverman feels that the group's finances could stretch to another acquisition now, on the other hand and is not much worried about a bid for the group. The Moss family has 45 per cent of the shares, two institutions have nearly 22 per cent, and just 33 per cent of the equity is free.

No US injection

Details of the New York operation of Good Relations Group, the nation's only fully quoted PR and advertising group, had no effect on the group's share price which stayed at 206p yesterday.

The new US company is to start trading from May 1 as Good Relations Inc., but in the form of Cullen & Casey it will already have been trading for three years. Good Relations is buying C & C for $200,000 in shares and is retaining the management, and hopefully the clients, to form the nucleus of its US business.

C & C made a profit of $70,500 in the eight months to January 31 and had assets of $135,600. Karon Cullen the chairman is warranting net assets to be not less than $150,000 as at April 23. He and his 11-strong staff are staying on.

On the USM trail

There is no sign of a slowdown in the trek to the USM. The latest three candidates are Clayform Properties, Moorgate Group (a financial marketing specialist), and Wyko a distributor of bearings and power transmission components.

Clayform is developing prime properties in the UK for retail, high technology and commercial users. Its biggest project so far is the £45 million redevelopment of the Schofield department store in Leeds as a shopping mall. It has redeveloped a number of former Woolworth stores and, in fact, two thirds of its projects have been in the retail field. The rest have been suitable for hi-tech use.

Samuel Montagu is offering 2.5 million Clayform shares for sale at 165p, which would capitalise the group at £16.1 million. The board is forecasting a profit of £2.5 million for this year against £1 million.

Moorgate will carry a price tag of about £6 million at its placing price of 120p. Founders Jeremy Bond and Jonathan Sayers will raise some £875,000 from the share sale with £495,000 of new money going into the group.

From its range of services covering product development, marketing, advertising, design and public relations, the group is set to make £430,000 this year compared with £257,000 in 1984.

Barclays says that Wyco will be worth around £12 million at its placing price of 68p. The placing of 4.3 millon shares will raise £700,000 of new money. Some 75 per cent of the equity will stay in the hands of the board, which says that profits for the year which ends this month will be £1.8 million — a rise of about 70 per cent.

In short . . .

IMI's chairman, Sir Robert Clarke, says that while he expects profits to move ahead again this year the rate of growth is likely to slow as the group starts to recover from the recession.

BABCOCK INTERNATIONAL has bought the US New Axis Holding Corporation for £25.5 million cash. The company is one of the world's biggest makers of casters and also makes furniture fittings and chair tilt mechanisms. Its profits last year were $7.87 million.

CLEMENT CLARKE'S profits dipped from £2.1 million to £1.3 million in 1984 but the dividend is raised from 4.06p to 4.33p.

Edited by Tony May

Investors wait for new lead on interest rates

THE MARKETS

Business turnover came to a virtual halt in stock markets yesterday as investors waited for a new lead on interest rates and the first-quarter figures from ICI due tomorrow. An early bout of profit-taking quickly dried up and prices held steady for the rest of the session slightly above their worst levels.

A late flurry in sterling after fresh statistical evidence that the US economy was running out of steam, soon petered out and did little for gilts or equities. Leading industrials recorded losses of between 2p and 13p. Oils were worst hit after the dismal Exxon profits had upset sentiment in New York. Blue Circle continued to reflect concern about a possible rights issue with the results tomorrow, down 10p to 475p, while Thorn-EMI, buoyed recently by vague takeover talk, fell 12p to 422p.

Stores and foods gave back some of their recent gains, but Rowntree resisted the trend at 416p, up 11p, as speculators talked of an imminent bid from Switzerland. Gilts were lifeless, staying close to their overnight levels. Shorts were an eighth or so easier. Mediums and longs registered scattered improvements of an eighth. ICI, where brokers have lately reduced their estimates to around £280 million for the first quarter, lost 7p to 767p.

THE OFFER for sale of "quality homes" builder Persimmon was 2.3 times oversubscribed. Employees will get all the shares they asked for, so will applicants for 200 to 1,000 shares. Otherwise the basis of allotment is: 1,200 to 5,000 shares —60 per cent (minimum of 1,000); 5,500 to 11,000 shares —50 per cent (minimum of 3,000); 12,000 and up—38 per cent (minimum of 5,500).

In dull shipping Ocean Transport weakened 8p more to 180p after the P & O chairman had dampened takeover speculation at Monday's annual meeting. The Stockley terms for acquiring the 23 per cent stake in Stock Conversion, previously held by Equity Trust, did little for the property sector. Stock Conversion dipped 8p to 485p, while Stockley eased 2p to 75p.

The setback in commodity prices due to the surplus of poor quality tea hit the shares concerned where frequent falls to 10p occurred. Gold shares dropped $2·4 behind the lower bullion price.

Industrial leaders down in a band of 10p to 13p were BICC, 233p, BP, 535p, and Glaxo, 1,182p. Stores were in retreat. Woolworths fell 12p to 822p, while Debenhams, 255p, and J. Hepworth, 203p, were among those to shed 5p or 6p. J. Menzies, whose results are due next Monday, lost 4p to 281p. Profit-taking lowered MFI 8p to 280p. Moss Bros declined 20p to 391p as the 56 per cent rise in profits proved smack in line with market expectations, prompting some profit-taking.

Parker-Knoll continued to benefit from recent comment on the recovery potential of the furniture industry, gaining another 5p to 188p. Selling ahead of the government share sale depressed British Aerospace 15p to 403p. Clement Clarke dropped 10p to 95p on the profits setback, while losses at Boustead clipped 2p off the share price at 77p.

On the other hand, a reassuring statement on trading restored 13p to Microlease at 363p. Recent figures and acquisition added another 5p to UDO at 228p. Addison Page gained 10p to 265p on response to a recent seminar, but profit-taking left Access Satellite 8p off at 292p. Lanca also encountered profit-taking after Monday's advance on the Corporate Development stake. Lanca shares slipped 40p to 290p. M. J. Gleeson, with interim figures today eased 4p to 232p. Burnett & Hallamshire lost 5p to 50p after news of standby facilities with bankers, together with the sale of a petroleum products subsidiary to Powell Duffryn.

Speculative buying lifted East Midland Allied "A" 5p to 128p, Burgess Products 6p to 166p, Marling 4p to 86p, and Princess of Wales Hotels 6p to 108p. Demand in a restricted market hoisted Caledonian Associated Cinemas from £14.50 to £17. Fears of a Monopolies reference for the Scottish & Newcastle bid lowered Matthew Brown 7p to 388p. Intasun added 2p to 120p on the acquisition of Global Tours from Great Universal Stores.

Trebled profits at Klark-Teknik had been discounted, hence a fall of 7p to 143p. Teas reflected a lower commodity price, Eastern Produce dipping 10p to 338p. Two newcomers yesterday caused little excitement. Electron Houses started 4p above the placing price at 121p, while Maxiprint were finally matching the 26p placing price. Wall Street influences upset oils. Shell lost 13p to 410p.

Main changes: BCI 475p down 10p; Thorn EMI 422p down 12p; Rowntree 416p up 11p; ICI 767p down 7p; Ocean Transport 180p down 8p; Stock Conversion 485p down 8p; British Aerospace 403p down 15p; Lanca 290p down 40p.

Equity turnover for Monday: bargains, 18,821; value, £225.087 million.

● Frankfurt: The index edged up to its second consecutive record, despite a mixed performance by equity prices. The Commerzbank index closed at 1230.4, a scant 0.3 point above the old mark of 1230.1 set in Monday's trading.

Trading was very thin and dealers said the market was suffering from a severe lack of orders. Uncertainty about whether the market will advance or consolidate from the record high levels has kept many investors on the sidelines.

● Paris: Share prices closed mixed with a slightly easier bias despite a promising start. The market indicator was off 0.4 per cent at the end of business, and declines outnumbered advances by 92 to 67. Observers said they were disappointed by the market's softer tone in view of the fact that a new monthly trading account began. This usually generates buying interest from operators who have a full month to square their accounts.

RUMOURS that Blue Circle's final results on Thursday would be accompanied by a rights issue knocked 10p off the share price at 475p.

● Tokyo: Stocks continued in a downslide through the day, though some losses were trimmed in the last few minutes of trading. Stock prices weakened due to a general apathy toward the market. Worries that Japan's problems with its trading partners will dwindle corporate profits for Japanese companies still haunt the market. Nikkei Dow Jones index: 12,124.14 (12,179.92).

● Hong Kong: Share prices rallied in active trading for a second consecutive day amid strong overseas buying interest in blue chip issues. The market was bolstered by a spurt of early buying that was sparked by continuing rumours about a possible takeover or a major corporate announcement from Jardine Matheson. That advance prompted more widespread buying in the afternoon. Hang Seng index: 1511.63 (1487.40).

FT Ordinary Share Index down 12 at 959.6. FT-SE 100 Index down 10 at 1,284.9. Pound: $1.2540; DM 3.85; Fr 11.76. Gold: $326.50. Account: April 15 to 26. FT All Share Index down 4.18 at 619.05. Sterling Index 78.8 (1975=100). RPI 366.1 (March) up 6.1 per cent on year.

COMMODITIES

Copper: Cash £1,216.50 per tonne, three months £1,171.50 per tonne.

Tin: Cash £9,240 per tonne, three months £9,230 per tonne.

Lead: Cash £310.50 per tonne, three months £309.50 per tonne.

Zinc: Cash £704 per tonne, three months £702 per tonne.

Silver: Spot 502p per troy oz, three months 517p.

Rubber: Sept 49p per kilo; May £705 per tonne; June £715 per tonne; July £725 per tonne.

Cocoa: May £1,861 per tonne; July £1,929 per tonne; Sep £1,852 per tonne; Dec £1,[illegible] per tonne; Mar £1,791 per tonne; May £1,799 per tonne.

THE STOCK EXCHANGE

British Funds

(short)
Treasury
3pc 89 .. 78¼
9½pc 88C .. 98 15/16 −3/16
11½pc 1985 99 29/32

(medium)
Transport
3pc 78-88 .. 83¾

Treasury
10pc C86 .. 98 15/16 −1/16

Exchequer
10pc 1989 .. 85 15/16 −8/16
10½pc 1987 .. ex29¼
10½pc 1988 .. ex31 7/16 −¼
11pc 1991 .. 99 9/16
11pc 1991 .. ex93 +¼
11½pc 1989 .. 100 1/16 +3
12½pc 1985 .. x100 9/16 −1/16
12½pc 1990 .. 103 1/16 −¼
13½pc 1987 .. 103¼ −1/16
10½pc 1987 .. x99 −1/16
13½pc 1992 .. 111¼
13½pc 1994 .. x112
14pc 1986 .. x103¼ −1/16
2½pc 1986 .. x112

Funding
5½pc 87-91 .. x92 +¼
6½pc 85-87 .. x92 15/16

Treasury
10pc 1987 .. 97¾ −1/16
2½pc IL 88 .. 110¼
10½pc 1989 .. 97 1/16 −¼
3pc 1987 .. 87¼
5pc 1986 .. x94
5pc 86-89 .. 83
7½pc 85-88 .. 93
8½pc 87-90 .. 92¾
10pc 90C .. x95
8½pc 84-86 .. 97¼
9½pc C89 .. 99 11/16 −8/16
10pc 1992 .. 98¼
10pc C92 .. x96¼
10½pc 87 .. 98¼ −1/16
11½pc 1989 .. 100 1/16 −1/16
11½pc 1991 .. 105¼
12pc 1986 .. 100¼ −1/16
13pc 1990 .. 106¾ −¼

(long)
Exchequer
10½pc 1995 .. 97¼
10½pc 1997 .. 98¼ +¼
12pc 1998 .. x106¼
12pc 99-02 .. 110¼
12pc 03-07 .. 120¼
12½pc 1992 .. 106¼
12½pc 1993 .. 109¾
12½pc 1991 .. 109¼
13½pc 1996 .. x112¾
15pc 1997 .. x121 +¼
9½pc 1999 .. 94¾
9½pc 98A .. 99¾

Funding
6pc 1993 .. 79¼ +¼
3½pc 99-04 .. 50¼

Treasury
2pc IL 1996 .. 110¾
2½pc IL 2001 .. x95¼
2pc IL 2006 .. 102¾
2½pc IL 16 .. 94¼
5½pc 08-12 .. 80¼ +¼
6½pc 05-8 .. x73¼
7½pc 12-15 .. 89¾
8pc 02-06 .. 81¾ +¼
8½pc 1997 .. 87¼
9pc 1994 .. 88¼
9pc 1992-6 .. 89¼ +¼
9½pc 1999 .. 95¾
10½pc 99C .. x95¼
10½pc 1999 .. x97
11½pc 01-04 .. 107¾ −¼
11½pc 03-07 .. 111¾ +¼
12pc 1995 .. 107¼
12pc 1997 .. x101 14/16 −3/16
12½pc 1993 .. 110¼
12½pc 2005 .. x114 +¼
12½pc 1992 .. 110¼
12½pc 1995 .. x108¾
13pc 2000 .. 118¾
13½pc 1997 .. 117
13½pc 03-05 .. 123¾
9½pc IL 2009 .. x98¼

2½pc IL 11 .. 104¼
2½pc IL2013 .. £86¾
11½pc 1993 .. x112¾
13½pc 00-03 .. 122¼
13pc 1996 .. 119¾ +¼
14pc 88-01 .. x118¼
14½pc 1994 .. 120¼
15½pc 1996 .. x124
15½pc 1998 .. 129¾
2½pc 2020 .. 82¼

Redemption
3pc 86-96 .. 74¼ +¼

Gas
3pc 90-95 .. x68¼ +¼

undated
Consols
2½pc .. x24¾
4pc .. 40¼

Conversion
3½pc .. 43¼
9½pc 04 .. x102¼
9½pc 01 .. £95¾
10pc 02 .. 98¾

Treasury
2½pc .. 24¾
3pc .. x29¼

War Loan
3½pc .. 36¼

Commwlth Bnds

NZ
7½pc 83-98 £97¼

S. Rhodesia
2½pc 65-70 £180

Corps & Boards

Blue Cirle
3pc 28 .. £24¼

Met Water
3pc 'B' .. £38¼

Banks & Disc Hses

Allied Irish 96 +1
Ambacher H. 58 −3
ANZ Gp 243 +15
Bank Ireland 233
Bk Scot 442 −2
Barclays Bnk x354 −3
Brown Ship 330 −5
Cater Allen 548
Clive Dis 63 −1
First Nat 53 −2½
Gerrard Nat 357 −2
Goode Dil 98
Guinness Pt 72
Hambros Shr 151
Hill Sam 283 −3
H.K. Shai x81½ +1½
King Sx 180
Kleinwort x470
Lloyds 549 +2
Mercury Sec 428
Midland 354 −5
Nat West 402 −2
Rea Bros-A x68
Ryl Bk Scot 282 −2
Schroders x733
S. St. Ash 64
Std Chtrd x472
Union Dis 733
Westpac 190 +10
Whitbrd 280

Financial Trusts

Armour Tst 20 −1
Aust Agr 245 −10
Brit Amer 493 −1
Dally M.TIA £121 −1
Doloety 170
Exco 658 −10
Inchcape 401
Lon Inv Tst 28½ +½
M G Hdgs 65
Manson Fin x25
Marble RP 445
Nash Geot 35

Prov Fin x225 −4
Rothschild 103
Sime Darby 65
Smith Bros 197 +2
Wagon Fin 78

Breweries

Ald Lyons 178
Bass 534 −6
Bell A 133
Belhaven 56 −2
Bodd Brew 279 −1
Brew M 355 −7
Bulmer HP 127
Davenport 243
Dewhish 580 +5
Distillerd 278
Fursdows 430
Greenall W 163
Greene King 156 +2
Guinness 242 −1
Highland Dis 69
Higsons Brew 122
Invergordon x127
Marston Thos 68
Scot Nw Bws 135
Try City Ltd x83
Vaux Brew 295 −3
Whitbread A 201
Whitbrd Inv. 174
Wolver Dstl 320 +2

Comm & Ind

AAH 148 −2
AC Cars 45
ASD Res 227 −7
Aj Ind 39
APV Hldgs 250 −1
Aaronson x103 +1
Adwest 152 −2
Alcan Al x191
Allen WG Suspended
All Cellcid 228 −2
All Plant 24 −1
Amber Day 10
AMEC 238 −2
Amersham 331 −3
Amstrad x73
Anchor Ch 250 −8
Ang TV-A x130
Ang- Alnd x210
Appleyard x50
Arenson 28
Argyll Grp 283 −2
Arlington 172
Armstg Eq 235 −1
Arenlffe 246
Ash Lacy x308
Ass Book x445 −3
Ass B Eng 10
Ass B Fds 236 −2
AB Ports x231 −5
Ass Dairies 150 −2
Ass Eng 156 −1
Ass Fish 107
Ass News 880 −15
Ass Paper 192
Astra 71
Audibrains 51
Autt W 41
Auto Prod 261
Avana 671 −6
Avon Rbr 310
BAT Ind 325 −1
BBA x82 −1
BPB Ind 250 −5
BSR x110 +2
BTR x669 −3
Babcock x164 −2
Bailey B 26
Bailey C'r 19½ −1
Baird (W) 378
Bairstow x77
Baker P 198 −2
Baird x100 −5
Barbican 31
Barker, Dob. 71 −1
Barrow A 93
Barratt Dv x76
Barrow HP 42½
Bassett (G) 176 −2
Beatson C K x148
Beatt'e A 132 −2
Beazer x408 −6
Beckman (A) x87
Beecham 352 −3
Belam x177 −3
Benrose x150
Bentalls 67 −2

Berdel BW 162 −4
Berisfords 103
Bespak x235 −3
Bestobell 230
Betes 74
Bett Bros 63
Bibby (J) x235 −5
BICC 233 −10
Biddle 163
Billam J 100
Birmid Q 84 −1
B'ham Blkt 206 +3
Bl. Ord 39
Black P x238
Blkwd Hldg 271 −1
Blagden Inds x112
Blueblird 78
Blue Circle 475 −10
Blundell P 128
BOC Grp 271 −8
Bolton Tst 21
Booker Mc 246
Boosey H 138
Boots 174 −1
Borthwick 37 −1
Boulton W 32
Bowater 240 −2
Bowthorpe 355 −3
Braithwaite 122
Brammer 258 −8
Brassey 56
Brick Dwl 63
Bridon x130 −1
Br Aero 403 −15
Br BZ Cbn 11
Br Car A 86 −1
BET dfd 288
BHS 291 −2
Br Mohair 128 −2
BPC 191
Br Tar Prd 93 −1
Br Vanding x58
Br Vita x189
Brent Eng x171 +1
Brook St 127
Brown & J 15
Bru Bt Kirt 86 −1
Brown (J) 32
Brown T'wse 128
Brunning 144 +1
Brunton (W 60
Bryant x72 −1
BSG Intl 23
Bullough x285
Bulmer, Lit 38
Bunzl 478 −3
Burnetts Hl 50 −2
Burns And 521 −1
Burton Ord 437 −2
Cable Wire 515
Cadby Sch x149 −1
Cam Elec Ind x323
Cantord 37 −2½
Carding 'A' 101
Cane Inds 45
Carlo Ems 550 −3
Carless Cpl 163
Carpets Int 64 −1
Carr (J) 57 −1
Carr's Milll 129
Carbnl S 47
Castings 60
Cattle's x12 −1
Cem Rad 69½
Cen & Sur 9½
Central TV x178 −2
C.H. Inds 52 −2
Chrlsn Pbp 81½
Chaus Ten 145
Chloride 35
Christie Tyl 43 +½
Christies In x583 −10
Clay (R) x54 +2
Clyde Swrk 125
Coalite Ch 235
Coates Ord 167
Coates 'A' 135
Coats Pats 147 −2
COD Group 107 −3½
Collins Ord. x780
Collins'A' x540 −3
Combus 77
Comb Eng x122 −3
Case 274 −3
Concentric 69
Cookson 712
Cooper Ind 13 +1
Cope Alnsn 181 −1
Corah x70½
Coralt 57
Costain Grp 364
Cotesbrysde 232 +2
Court Form 162 +2
Courtaulds 136 −3
Cwn de St 37
Crest N'son 93 −3
Crodn Intl 141 −4
do dfd 98 −4
Crown Hse 154

Crystalate 178 −5
Dafd x161 −2
Dale Elec 68
Dales Gwlm Suspended
DPCE 465
Dams, MW 185 −3
Davies (E) 120
Davy Corp 120 −3
Dawn Inf 284
De La Rue 865 −5
Debenhams 255 −3
Dee Corp 219 −3
Delta Hldg 187 −1
Dertlend St 143
Desoutter x170
Dewhirst 94
Dewhurst A 32
Diamond S. 133
Dixons Grp 687 +3
Dobson Pk 91
Dom Hldg 77
Dominion Int 88 +1
Douglas R 46
Dowty Hldg x75 −1
Dowty 206 −6
Drabble 178 −2
Dufay Bit x42 −7
Dunhill 356 +1
Dunlop 84 −1
Dupont 37 +1
EMI 38
Ever Prdcr x238 −10
Ebro 141
Ebur Ind 30
Elect Hdgs x90
EIS 213 +3
Elect Cmpts 310
Elect Mchs 53 −1
Elect Rents 48
Elliott S 84 −1
Ellis & Evd 244 −2
Ellis, Gold 91
Elsdale-H 110
Emess Light 225
Energy 17
Empire Str 116 −5
Eng China 265 −2
Erith 267
Esr Ferries 1401 −3
de Sqc Prf 121 +1
Eurotherm 350 −5
Excalibur 101 +1
Exbel 343 −7
Exp Metal x105
Fairclt El 199 −1
FEB Intl 110
Fenner 131
Ferranti 148
Ferguson 138 +2
Fine Art 80 −1
Finlan J 91
Finlay J 142 −3
First Castle 115 −1
First Leisure 281
Flyde x310 −1
Fitch Lyll 210 −2
Fleet 287 −4
Folkes NV 27
Ford (Hlts) 40 −1
Formlnstor 156
Fosseco M 235 −5
Foster Bros 229
Fothergill 151
Freeman x202 −2
Friedland DG x185
French T 65
French KR 120
Gallifrd 66
Garford L 98
Garton Eng 63 −1
Gears G 140 −1
GEI Intl 96
Gen Elect 183
Gestetner-A d108 −3
Gill & Duff 148 −1
Glaxo £11 13/16 −9/64
Glencoe 232 −4
Glynwed 201 −2
Goldsb (A). 69 −1
Gourme 42 −1
Grampian x120
Grandis 200
Grand Met 285 −3
Grattan W x214 −2
GUS Ord 855 −5
GUS 'A' 817 −10
Greenbank x35
Greenfriar x54
Greyhnd 141
GKN x223 −3
HAT Grp 90
HTV NV x125
Halstat M 352 −2
Harden 313
Hall Eng x156
Hall (Mat) 328
Halma 229
Halstead J x86 −1
Hamson 29
Hanson Tr 208 −2

Hargreaves 106 −1
Harris Qwy 210 −2
Har & Crud 41
Hartwells 80
Hawker S 427 −5
Hawtbl x182
Hpwth Cer 141 −2
Hpwth Ord 208 −8
Hestair 74 −1
Hewden S 42 −1
Hicking P x58
Hickson x470 −3
Hilgs & H 330 −3
Hill & Sm 185
Hillards 342
Hollas Gp 23
Hollis Brot 78
Holt Lloyd 84
Home Chem. x360 −2
Hoskisson 170
Horlicks Tyl x126 −2
Hse of Frs 396
Hse of Lrs 119
How'd Mac 14
Howden Gp 192 −1
Hubtch Jos x280 −3
Hworth Mrs 75 +1
Hlwth Mrs A 75 +2
ICI 767 −7
IMI 195 −6
Imperial Gp 184 −4
Ingram H 115
Initial 522
Int Thom Grp 504
Jessops 66
J'son Clrs x433
Johnson FB 181 −1
J'son Wldy 68 −3
Johnston 235
Jones & Sh x75½ −1
Jones E 80
Jones Strd 143
Jourdan T x126
Kalamazoo 43 −2
Kennedy B. x281 −2
Kenning 109
Kwikfit 40 −1
Kwik Save 200 −1
LCP 120 −4
LRC Int 101 −1
Ladbroke 249 −1
Ladies Pr. x25 +1
Laing-'A' 219
Laird Group x165
Lake & Ell 501
Lambt Hwth x205
Laporte Ind 433
Lawtex 68
Lee Grp 245 −2
Lex Service x212 −2
Leyland Pt Suspended
Lilley FJC 62 −2
Linread x34 −1
Lister 521
Lloyd (FH) 60
Locker Thos 241
Logica x267
Lon & Mdld'n 188 −1
Lon Hor S 78½ −1
Lon Pk Htl 358
Lonrho 98
Lowndes 177

Lookers x96
Lovell YJ 204
Low & Bonar x373
Low (Wm) 645 +3
Lowe R H 28
Lucas Inds x285 −4
MCD Grp 107
MFI Furn 280 −8
MK Elec 278 −2
MY Dart 25
Macarthys 172
McCrstale 180 −3
Mackay (H) x87 −1
McKechnie 143
Mpwell. S. 124
Magnt Ag Suspended
Mdstr Ship. 318 −2
Manders x165 −3
Mang Brz 167
Manpr Mtrs 70½
Marks & Spn 144 −1
Marley x89 +½
Martins Ind 88 +4
Marshalls H x235
Marsh'll Gn 64 −1
Mn-Black Suspended
Martin (A). 61
Martonair x343
Matthews B x314
Maundrs J x121
May & Hssl 89 −1
Maynards 270
McAlpine 244
Menzies J 287 −4
Metal Box 395 −3
Metal Ges x152

Metalrax x73
Metaxas Suspended
Meyer 130 −3
Miller S 16
Milletts 124
Mk Intl 42
M & Allen x340 −10
Mitchell CT. x701
Molins x128
Monk A. 116 −3
More O'Fl 93
Morgan Cr x214 −1
Moss Bros. 393 −16
Mowlem 212
Muirhead 140 −4
Myson Grp 77
NSS News 110
Neepsend 16
Nevill & Spar 29 −2
Neill J x151
Newarthill 615 −2
Newman-T 86
Newmark 210
News Intl x705 −6
Nichols Vim. x235
Norcros 143 −1
North Eng 85 −1
N. Foods 234 −4
Norton Opax 125
Nova Int Suspended
Nutts Mashy 206 −2
Nurdin & P 178 −2
Octopus Gp 990 −10
Office & El 165
Ogilvy Mat £20 1/16 +1/16
Owen O. 190
Oxford Inst 266 −7
Parker Kn 'J' x188 +3
Pkind Tst 105
Patterson Z. x158 +3
do 'A' x156 +3
Pauls & W 366 −2
Pearson (S) x706 −2
Peel Hldgs. x380
Pearlcs 80
Pegl-Hfty 272 −2
Pentl'd Inds 635 −16
Pentos 431 +1
Pelbow Hotel 62
Pilkton 237 −1
Philips x131 +2
Phoenix Tmb 126
Photo-Me x£11 19/64
Pifco Hldg x12
Pilkington 283 −7
Pittard x105
Planet Grp 85
Platignum 101
Plastics 76
Plasmorna 445
Plessey x192 −2
Plym 220
Pochin 180
Portals 560
Porter Chad. 116
Powell Duff. x258 −5
Prendy 108
Pressac x81
Priest (G). 92
PaW Htls 108 +6
Pritchard 90 −6
Prop Rev 194 +2
Quaqua Mash. x57½ −1
Quick H & J 48
Rea Hldgs 367
Racal Elect 198 −2
Ransom Trt 213
Rank Org 360 −3
Ranks Hov 147 −2
RHP 111
Ransom S J x558
Ratcliff (TS). 63
Raybeck 28½
Readicut 90 −1
Reckitt & Co 526 −4
Redfearn 73 +3
Redland 279
Refuge Hs Suspended
Reed (A)-A 123 −3
Reed Exec 150
Reed Int 550 −2
Renold 49 −2
Renishaw x177
Renwick 145
Restmore 120
Reuters x388
Rexmore 25
RFD Grp 94 −1
Rich Leics 41
Rich West 22
RMC Gp 360 −4
Roberts Adld 105
Robt (Tm). 56
Rock PLC 11
Rockware 47 −2
Romney H 183 −2

Rotafloc 166 −2
Rothmans In 176 −1
Rowlinson 32
Rown Mask 416 +11
Rowntrd x200 +2
Royby P G 1241 −1
S & U Strs 19
SGB Grp 162 −2
Saatchi C. x875 −10
Sainsbury J. 332 −1
Sale Tilney x620 −3
Samuel-A 83 −1
Sandhurst 78 −2
Sanders 71 −1
Sarclle G 68
Savoy-'A' 363
Scapa Group. x410 −10
Scholes x480
SEET 154
Scottcros 100 Suspended
Sears Hldgs 88½ −1
Securicor 230 −4
Securicor A 230 −4
Security S 230 −4
Selnr Int 28
Selincourt 281 +1½
Senior Eng 226
Sherin x63
Shaw Carp 39 −2
Shiloh Spn 44
Sidlaw 170 +2
Silentnight 337
Simon Eng 246
Sirdar x133
Skelchley 336 −4
Smith DS 725 −1
Smith Hlds 41 −2
Smith&Nphw x223 −1
Smith Wht 210 −6
Smiths Inds x214 −4
Smurfit (J). 110 −1
Sofe Lav 47
Sperr GW 41 −1
Spr & Jchn 133 −2
Spirax-Sarco x242 −2
Squirrel H 26
Staff Potts x76
Stag Furn 126
Stakis (R). x65

STC x208 +2
Stanley AG 355
Star Comp 55 +2
Staveley Ind 326
SM Sim-A 143 +3
Steel Bros 543
Stentley 289 −1
Steinberg 69
Stewart Pl. 102 −1
String Grp 81
Stockists 149 −2
Stoth & Ptt. 143 −3
Strang & F. x128 −4
Sumner 91
Sunbeam We x58
Sutcliffe 32 +2
Sycamore 23
TI Group x228 −2
TACE 490
Tarmac 530 −2
Tate & Lyle 433 −5

Tay Refit 47
Tlr Woodrow 399
Telephone 28
Tele Rents 196 −6
Tesco 248 −2
Test Jersey 74
Thorn x422 −12
Thur Brdr x16
Tomkins FH 170 −2
Tootal 76½
To Gotsopr 72
TZ Ken Mf 34
Trafalr Hse x336 −2
Trans Dv x125 −1
Travis & A 240
Trinity x249 −1
Triplex FS 38 −1
Trusthouse 139
Turner & N 91 −3
Turriff 310
UBM 185
UKO Int 121 −1
Unigate 155 −1
Unilever x£1135/64 −3/64
Utd Biscs x182 −5
Utd Parcels 91 −2
Utd News 303 −2
Utd Scient 178
Utd Wire 132
Valor x211

Vaultona 344 −2
VG Instrs x284
VP-Fastnert 155
Vickers x232 −4
Vict Carpt 40
Volex 133 −2
WGI 77
Wadd J 615

Wade Potts 148 −2
Walkin 135 −1
Wagon Ind 134
Ward Hldgs 166 −3
Ward White 276 −2
Warbm & G x148
Waterford x40
Watt Blk x241
Wedgwood 181 −1
Weir Group x52
Wellman Eng 141 −1
Westbrd 130 −1
Wethern 96
Whatmore 102 −2
Whitecroft 148
W'sale Fit 265
Widney 30 −1
Wigfall (N) 106 −3
Wilkns (J) x213
Wilms Cdf 201
Wilms Hdgs 283 −3
Winnipeg G 106 −1
Welsh-Hughes 341 −7
Welsh Bz x301 −4
Westland 25
Wilkie & Rx x32 −1
Woolworth 822 −12
Yts Chrm 272 −2

Insurance

Alexander x22 7/16 −1/16
Britannic x594
Comm Un x224 +1
Equity & L 236
Genl Accdt 573 −2
GRE 685 −7
Heath C E 573 −8
Hogg Rob'son

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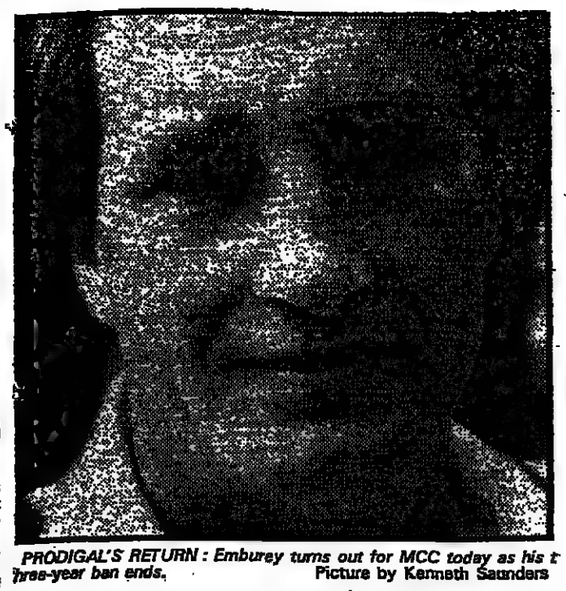


PRODIGAL'S RETURN: Emburey turns out for MCC today as his three-year ban ends. Picture by Kenneth Saunders

Frank Keating meets John Emburey

Exile back on main street

SOMETIME today at Lord's, weather permitting, a nod from the captain will summon John Emburey of the MCC to bowl at Graham Gooch of Essex, the county champions. Or vice versa.

Either way, for the first delivery, the keen-eyed cricketer's gaze of the two friends will be held across the 22 yards in a momentary, knowing intimacy which they will both relish. The ball will be bowled; then, play or miss, they will look down the pitch at each other and grin broadly. Two prodigals will be back in the fold.

Emburey and Gooch only then will know for certain that their three-year ban from representative cricket is over and that bygones are officially bygones for their part in the month-long rebel tour of South Africa in 1982. It was a long enough banishment in terms of a Test-match cricketers' prime.

They have served their time without public complaint. It would be out of character if Gooch, as stubbornly proud a man as he is honest, admitted he had any regrets. Emburey is more reflective.

Both of them ruefully appreciate the wacky way of a world that would have them winning the Queen's Award for Industry had they gone to South Africa, not as professional sportsmen, but as plumbers, goldminers or arms salesmen. Or even as amateur captain of the British Lions rugby team.

This winter Gooch has been preparing for his benefit summer and training regularly with his beloved West Ham footballers — at his last MCC fancy-dress Christmas party in Delhi in 1981, he went as Billy Bonds. Emburey has not long returned from the Australian summer, where he bowled as well as ever and now a genuine self-made all-rounder, averaged 45 with the bat.

Can it be three years since we sat together in the departures lounge at Colombo airport at the end of Keith Fletcher's tour? Rumours of a *possible South African* expedition had dissipated since the public V-sign offered to the Republic the month previously by the likes of Botham, Gower and Willis. The last two I would have bet to pick up the seemingly-tattered South African standard were Gooch and Emburey.

On previous tours, whenever apartheid raised its ugly head in discussion, the two of them were the least militant in its defence. Once, at a barbecue in Montserrat, the subject roused such late-night heat that I remember I ended up in the swimming pool, fully clothed. Gooch and Emburey were the first to drag me out.

On the morning of their first match in South Africa, Lord's had arranged for a written threat of their ban to be delivered to each player, giving them one final chance to think again and not take the field. The British High Commission only delivered the notes at lunchtime. The thing had been done.

The three-year sentence stunned them all. A Test match, perhaps, or even a series. . . Emburey admits bodily that he would not have gone had he known the length of the ban. Professional athletes do not have many peaks or primes.

Of course Emburey loathes the idea of apartheid—"anybody from Britain cannot consider doing anything else." Nevertheless, he feels contact by touring sportsmen can only do good over there. The West Indian "pirate" tour that followed broke down even more barriers, he says. At a place called Welcom, deep in Afrikaaner territory, the West Indians were told by the town council they could not use the whites-only swimming pool. Okay, they said, we simply won't play cricket. The council relented.

Little could the upright, button-bright young man have imagined when he first wrapped his long, knuckly, nail-bitten right index-finger round a ball for Middlesex those dozen years ago that he would be greeting a new season with a political treatise not a cricketing one.

It was on June 26, 1973, at Burton-on-Trent that Derbyshire's legendary wicketkeeper Bob Taylor, presented the young man with his first wicket — a catch by Gomes.

Mind you, as a Peckham Manor schoolboy, from south of the river, he was always going to play for Surrey where his uncle had once had a trial. He spent three years as a Oval junior, but with Pocock twirling in the trim, the apprenticeship looked interminable.

In 1971 Surrey's coach, McIntyre, fraternally rang his opposite number at Lord's, Bennett, to suggest he snaffle his likely lad. Serving in the shadow of the veteran Titmus proved in the end not such a long frustation.

Just by watching the tweak and famous fist flight *of old Fred*, Emburey learned whole new dictionaries of bowling. Not that Fred told him much. "Just keep it tight, be patient and they'll get themselves out," was always the gist.

In a way it is an ironic twist that John will be bowling to his friend Graham today.

TONY VANN, the amateur cricketer who is the new chairman of Yorkshire, gave the traditional pep talk at the Pre-season lunch at Headingley yesterday. He then laid down guidelines for behaviour in a 20-minute private talk with the playing staff. Meanwhile, David Bairstow, Yorkshire's captain, admitted: "My head is on the chopping block, and I'm only too aware of it. The only way out is 110 per cent effort and victory."

GOLF

David Davies

Match play gap filled

MATCH PLAY, for so long an absent element in professional golf, makes a return to the circuit in 1986. In announcing a package of sponsorship, worth £787,000 over three years, Epson UK Ltd have brought back a match play tournament in which the leading 32 players on the European tour at the end of that year will compete.

Epson are to sponsor the European Order of Merit for the next three years. The leading 10 players at the end of this year will share £100,000 with £25,000 going to the winner. In 1986 the leading 15 will share £150,000 with the top man getting £35,000 and in 1987 the figures are 20, £175,000 and £40,000.

In order to receive these moneys, however, the players have to commit themselves to taking part in the Epson Grand Prix of Europe, as the match play event will be called.

BOXING

John Rodda

Graham up for title

Herol Graham, the former European, Commonwealth and British champion at light-middleweight, takes what ought to be a lucrative step up tonight when he fights Jimmy Price for the British middleweight title at the Britannia Leisure Centre, Shoreditch.

Graham has shown enormous skill, and has lately displayed much more aggression, which ought to ensure that this first step will be successful.

Graham has already fought men in the heavier division, but facing a natural middleweight in a championship fight over 12 rounds will be mentally as well as physically more demanding.

● Frank Bruno's European heavyweight title challenge against Anders Ecklund of Sweden at Wembley Arena has been postponed from May 14 to June 25, because of the Swedish champion's hand injury.

CRICKET

Matthew Engel

Stormy weather ahead

TODAY we pass another milestone on the long road towards high summer with the customary opening match at Lord's, MCC v. County Champions. Once again, Essex provide the opposition; as is traditional the forecast is for fearsome cold. And not for the first time in these turbulent years the match will be overshadowed by cricket's latest crisis.

By the scheduled start, the Australian Board should have announced their revised party for the England tour, excluding anyone who does not sign their statutory declaration renouncing cricket *in South Africa*. As the deadline for signatures approached, the wicketkeeper Steve Rixon announced that he would not be signing, and thus effectively ruled himself out of the tour.

"I have made my position clear," Rixon said. "I can't legally sign the declaration in its current form. I am still keen to tour England, but my future cricket is in the hands of the board."

Rixon, whose Test place is in any case under threat from Wayne Phillips, would not be an insuperable loss by himself. But last night it was still expected that the seam bowlers, Terry Alderman and Rod McCurdy would join him, and they would be much harder to replace.

The Australian Board were yesterday revising the wording of the document to overcome objections raised by the waverers and their lawyers, so there remained some hope that everything might yet be settled peacefully. But it was a slim one.

Meanwhile, Kerry Packer's Channel Nine have abandoned their plans to give the tour the full treatment by providing extra cameras to supplement the BBC coverage. However, this is believed to be more to do with the falling value of the Australian dollar than the falling value of the tour.

One also trusts and believes that it is just a brutal coincidence that all this should be happening on the day John Emburey turns out for the MCC to make flesh the reunification of English cricket. Further reflections had better await fuller facts.

The match itself may be less of an aide memoire to the England selectors than usual. In recent years a succession of players have won or won back a Test place largely because of their performance here: Tavare in 1980, Gatting in 1981, Randall in 1982, Andy Lloyd last year. In 1983 the match was washed out.

This year, however, the unscapped players are all competing for places in an England batting order that looks road-blocked by the established names, and the hopefuls' case will have to be far stronger than in recent thin times.

Stella Grande turn-up but Devotion flops

RACING

Richard Baerlein

Princess Anne in her first and probably her last attempt at race riding did well to finish fourth on Against The Grain in the Farriers Invitation Private Sweepstakes at Epsom yesterday. At least her presence filled the car parks *to an extent never experienced* before at the Spring meeting.

The race went to Elain Mellor, by far the most experienced amateur in the field. She came through smoothly on No-U-Turn, one of the co-favourites, to beat Fred Winter's daughter Joanna on Petit Pain.

The Princess Elizabeth Stakes fell to the 33-1 outsider Stella Grande, who won by a head from Dubian. The oddstually ran way with the Warren Stakes.

Lewis has a very high opinion of Luthier, who was disqualified after winning at Warwick. He now justified his trainer's opinion by beating Almushmmir five lengths.

King Luthier will now go for the Italian Derby in which English horses will be well represented.

Peter Walwyn's Derby colt Khozaam, who has been backed from 33-1 to 16-1, will be fully tested in the Racal-Vodaphone Blue Riband Trial Stakes this afternoon.

Henry Cecil runs both Presidium, whom he had to withdraw at the last minute from the Greenham Stakes at Newbury on Saturday, and Concorde Affair, winner of both his races last season.

Presidium, a half-brother to Kris, was a top two-year-old, though somewhat inexperienced. He came out twice and on the second occasion finished second to Local Suitor at Newbury.

With the stable in such form Cecil's two runners are sure to run prominently and on some ratings Presidium is just ahead of Khozaam.

Michael Stoute runs Lord Grundy, who won his last race last season, and another colt to end up the season a winner, Lightning Dealer, will be ridden by Pat Eddery.

Lester Piggott will be riding Tickly Bender for his brother-in-law, Robert Armstrong, whose horses are just coming into form.

I hope to see Khozaam put up a performance which will earn him a shortish quote in the betting on the Ever Ready Derby. He particularly impressed me last season and Peter Walwyn is very pleased with his progress.

Corinth ran once last season and finished fourth to Lobkowiez in the Rosebery Handicap at Kempton on his seasonal debut.

It was quite a promising effort and I take him to win the Great Metropolitan Handicap from Trapeze Artist, whose winning turn cannot be long delayed.

Ron Smyth has engaged Steve Cauthen to ride Daring Display in the Minoru Handicap and the tip should be taken. Smyth can complete a double with Our Jock in the Princes' Stand Handicap, while Al-Aabir has Absolute Bounder to beat in the Banstead Maiden Stakes.

● Horses blinkered today for first time: Epsom 4.40 Honeyman; Pontefract: None.

RICHARD BAERLEIN'S SELECTIONS. — Nap: KHOZAAM (Epsom, 3.5); Next best: CORINTH (Epsom, 2.35).

Stick with Meadowbrook

Ian Balding has struck form early this season and among his early winners was Meadowbrook, who ran away with a Haydock handicap earlier this month when beating Hieronymous eight lengths. Meadowbrook (3.45) turns out again in this afternoon's Hey Soft Drinks Stakes at Pontefract, where he appears set for another comfortable victory.

Another top trainer raiding Pontefract today is John Dunlop, who should take the Fryston Stakes with Cherry Hill (4.15), who wound up last season by running up in three successive races and looks capable of losing his maiden certificate in today's company.

At Epson, Peter Cundell is taken to land the Great Metropolitan Handicap with Percase (2.35), whose 8st 13lb will be further reduced by the 5lb claim of smart apprentice Nick Addams, while Presidium (3.05) is given a narrow vote over Khozaam and Lord Grundy in the Racal-Vodaphone Blue Riband Trial.

DAVID HADERT

PONTEFRACT

2 45 Foundry Artist
3 15 Trade High
3 45 MEADOWBROOK (nap)
4 15 Cherry Hill
4 45 *Hello Gypsy*
5 15 Sailor's Song
5 45 Njiwa

DRAW: LOW numbers best over 5 & 8f
★ DENOTES BLINKERS. GOING: Good

2 45—BEAST FAIR STAKES: 2-Y-O; 5f; £1,732 (10 runners).
2 (7) 10 RUSSELLS TOY (D) N. Tinkler 9-3 L. Charnock
3 (2) 40 FOUNDRY ARTIST (D) C. Nelson 9-3 L. Johnson
8 (8) 1 SI-LA-GAY (D) J. Berry 9-0 ... K. Darley
7 (5) EASTERN OASIS E. Alston 8-12 ... S. Crossley
4 (11) BI-OSMIA A. W. Jones 8-11 ... C. Dwyer
9 (4) 0 REGAL SAM T. Fairhurst 8-11 ... G. Cadigs (5)
10 (9) SUARP LANE W. O'Gorman 8-11 ... T. Ives
11 (3) 0 WEBSTERS FEAST (BF) M. McCormack 8-11 ... R. Cochrane
13 (6) GUNNER BO Ron Thompson 8-8 ... D. Nicholls
14 (1) 3 MISS NATALIE M. Brennan 8-8 A. Roper (7)
1984: Star Video 9-6 M. Birch 5-4 M. McCormack 3 ran.
Betting forecast: 5-2 Foundry Artist, 3 Si-la-Gay, 9-2 Webster's Feast, 5 Sharp Lane, 8 Russells Toy, 10 Miss Natalie.
TOP FORM TIPS: Foundry Artist 8, Russells Toy 7, Miss Natalie 6.

3 15—BENTLEY MEMORIAL SELLING HANDICAP: 6f; £890 (18 runners).
1 (12) 000-010 LADY CARA (7lb ex) (C) J. Berry 4-9-2 ... S. Hansell (5)
2 (15) 14040-0 CUDGEL (D) P. Rohan 12-9-10 R. Fahey (7)
3 (5) 0000-00 FLEET BAY ★ (D) K. Ivory 5-9-0 ... Guy Kelleway (5)
6 (16) 10000-0 PALLETINE ★ D. H. Jones 4-8-13 ... —
7 (11) 00000-0 WALTER-KORING M. Ryan 4-8-13 ... P. Barnard (7)
8 (4) 4030-0 SISTER RACHNE T. Fairhurst 5-8-13 M. Bennett
9 (16) 13000-0 MAGIC MUSHROOM (D) Denys Smith 4-8-12 ... D. Leadbitter (5)
11 (6) 00000-0 MING VILLAGE (C/D) J. Parkes 5-8-9 M. Day
12 (7) 3300-00 TRADE HIGH (D) J. Vickers 6-8-8 D. Nicholls
13 (3) 40140/0 WICKS BABY (D) S. Richmond 5-8-6 W. Miller
14 (1) /00-000 BALLAGAN J. Harris 5-8-2 ... A. Proud
16 (9) 00000-4 DETECTO D. Morley 4-8-4 ... G. Duffield
17 (10) 004000- OFF YOUR MARK (C/D) G. Calvert 5-8-4 ... L. Charnock
19 (13) 000000- OCONDINOWDC ★ W. Guest 5-8-2 ... A. Johnson (7)
20 (8) 0203-00 FIRESPARK ★ (D) M. Camacho 6-8-1 J. Lowe
21 (2) 00-0000 WITH A LOT ★ M. Chapman 4-8-1 D. Dineley
22 (17) 0000-30 LAURA'S CHOICE T. Craig 4-8-1 N. Carlisle
23 (14) /0000-0 STEVULA D. Barraclough 4-8-0 ... M. Carlisle
1984: Ming Village 4-9-5 J. Bleasdale 10-1 C. Thornton 17 ran.
Betting forecast: 3 Lady Cara, 9-2 Cudgel, 6 Trade High, Walter-Koring, 8 Palletine, Fleet Bay, 10 Magic Mushroom, 12 Laura's Choice.
TOP FORM TIPS: Lady Cara 8, Cudgel 7, Detecto 6.

3 45—HEY SOFT DRINKS STAKES: 2m 1f 25yds; £2,858 (9 runners).
1 (4) 00040-0 APPEAL TO ME B. Wilkinson 5-9-1 ... Guy Kelleway (5)
2 (3) 3001-00 BEAKER M. Naughton 5-8-1 ... P. Cook
3 (5) 0400007 CONSCRIPTION J. Leigh 5-8-1 ... R. Cochrane
4 (1) 134400+ LONE RAIDER J. Harris 8-8-1 ... A. Proud
5 (2) BIG WHITE CHIEF J. P. Smith 9-8 ... S. Webster
6 (9) 00412-1 MEADOWBROOK T. Balding 4-8-0 J. Matthias
7 (8) 030/00- SHEPHERD'S HYMN T. Bill 4-8-0 R. Adams
9 (7) 004000- TUDOR SINGER D. Leslie 4-8-0 ... M. Bloomer
11 (6) 0000- LADY SANGARA Ron Thompson 4-8-0 G. Duffield
1984: Dancing Affair 4-8-6 J. Matthias 4-5 fav 1 Balding 4 ran.
Betting forecast: 13-8 Meadowbrook, 7-2 Big White Chief, 5 Lone Raider, 6 Conscription, 10 Appeal To Me, Beaker.
TOP FORM TIPS: Meadowbrook 8, Lone Raider 7, Beaker 6.

4 15—FRYSTON STAKES: 1½m; £1,900 (18 runners).
1 (8) 121-030 ROYAL CRACKER (D) P. Brookshaw 4-9-7 ... W. Ryan (3)
3 (9) 0132-0 ART EDICT (D) R. Stubbs 4-9-4 D. Nicholls
4 (13) 14100-0 NORSEASE S. Norton 4-9-4 ... J. Lowe
6 (15) 10 L O BROADWAY D. Moffatt 7-9-1 R. P. Elliott
8 (5) 002134- STRATHCONON Miss S. Hall 4-9-0 K. Hodgson
9 (16) 00- BALKASH R. Stubbs 4-8-7 ... M. Bennett
11 (4) /00030- CARPER L. Balding 4-8-7 ... J. Matthias
12 (3) 3/4222- CWEBBY HILL J. Dunlop 4-8-7 ... T. Ives
14 (1) 0 CRUSHED ICE D. Dale 5-8-7 ... J. Scally (7)
15 (16) 00/ NUMEPATE R. Fisher 6-8-7 ... M. Birch
16 (11) 40/00- OTHEBOR M. Jarvis 4-8-7 ... W. Raymond
18 (17) 0 PRINCE OF DAWN D. Chapman 4-8-7 ... S. P. Griffiths (5)
19 (14) ROSEMAN J. Leigh 4-8-7 ... N. Connorton
22 (2) 00-0 THE CLOWN M. Naughton 4-8-7 ... P. Cook
23 (6) 0 BATEASE K. Stone 4-8-4 ... C. Dwyer
24 (10) CELTIC PRINCESS Mrs M. Rimell 5-8-4 ... R. Cochrane
25 (12) 2420-03 FISHPOND R. Hodgar 4-8-4 G. Duffield
26 (7) 0 LOVELY BUTTERFLY M. Lambert 4-8-4 ... D. Chillman
1984: Jack Ramsey 4-8-7 R. Cochrane 5-2 N. McCormack 10 ran.
Betting forecast: 11-4 Cherry Hill, 7-2 Art Edict, 5 Royal Cracker, 6 Nonsense, 8 L O Broadway, Strathconon, 10 Carpet.
TOP FORM TIPS: Cherry Hill 8, Art Edict 7, Strathconon 6.

4 45—HARDWICK HANDICAP: 1m; £2,282 (24 runners).
1 (15) 10300-0 SINGING BOY (D) A. Hide 4-9-10 ... R. Hindhaugh
2 (25) 00000-0 RAPID LAD (D) J. Spearing 7-9-10 D. Nicholls
4 (10) 44200-0 SIDAB W. Musson 5-9-8 ... P. Gunn
6 (3) 0100-00 COUTURE LEE AFFAIR R. Woodhouse 9-9 ... K. Darley
7 (17) 10104- KLARIN (D) T. Fairhurst 6-9-7 C. Coates (5)
8 (4) 2030-2 HELLO GYPSY C. Tinkler 4-9-7 ... M. Wood
9 (8) 1120-04 SKYBOOT (D) E. Carter 6-9-7 ... Wendy Carter (7)
11 (22) 302400- TOP OTHPLANE W. Bycroft 8-9-3 S Perks
12 (20) 040000- KNIGHTS WISH E. Easterby 4-9-2 ... M. Birch
13 (6) 30103-0 DONNYSHOOKERCENTRE E. Weymes 4-9-1 ... T. Guest (5)
15 (23) 002200- PURBY J. Toller 4-9-1 ... R. Cochrane
16 (14) 202030- BARGRUZINE M. Hinchliffe 4-9-1 R. Lines (5)
17 (19) 0/00-32 CRADLE OF JAZZ J. Old 5-9-0 ... P. Cook
18 (1) 033304- WARPLANE C. Thornton 5-9-0 J. Bleasdale
20 (21) 0000-01 STAR EVENT (7lb ex) (D) J. Etherington 4-8-12 ... G. Duffield
22 (11) 003-013 BANDORO ★ (D) (BF) J. Mulhall 6-8-10 ... A. Proud
23 (2) 232400- BOY SANDFORD (D) — 6-8-10 N Carlisle
24 (7) 204020- SMART MART M. Camacho 6-8-9 N. Connorton
25 (9) 000-000 CAROL'S MUSIC M. Brittain 4-8-9 R. Cowgan
27 (5) 22003-0 LEWELASOR D. H. Jones 5-8-8 D. J. Williams
28 (18) 040-U HAWAIIAN LOVE J. Ciechanowski 4-8-6 ... R. Street
31 (12) 000F-00 LATE HOUR R. Hollinshead 6-8-4 W. Ryan (3)
32 (13) 0/021-0 FERRERO ROCHER T. Craig 4-8-3 doubtful
34 (24) 000000- CRUCY (D) Denys Smith 6-8-0 ... M. Fry
36 (16) 002030- ROYAL EXPORT W. C. Watts 5-7-13 ... S. P. Griffiths (5)
1984: Prince Guard 5-9-0 T. Johnson 8-1 J. Matthias 12 ran.
Betting forecast: 4 Star Event, 5 Elarin, 7 Skyboot, Donnyshookercentre, 8 Hello Gypsy, Cradle of Jazz, 10 Bandoro, 12 Slidab, Couture Lee Affair.
TOP FORM TIPS: Star Event 8, Hello Gypsy 7, Elarin 6.

5 15—WAKEFIELD MAIDEN STAKES: Div I: 6f; £798 (17 runners).
2 (5) 000-0 FAST DEALER P. Rohan 9-0 ... C. Dwyer
5 (10) 000 MINDER'S MAN W. Pearce 9-0 N. Connorton
10 (11) SINGING BIO J. Ciechanowski 9-0 ... R. Boucher (7)
14 (2) 0440- ABSANNE C. Etherington 8-11 ... M. Wood
16 (15) 00-0 AZULINE W. Tompkins 8-11 ... R. Cornett
18 (9) 4- DRAGONESS P. Walwyn 8-11 G. Duffield
19 (14) 24432-0 ELEGANT PORT T. Fairhurst 8-11 C. Coates (5)
22 (16) 04250- FRISCO C. Thornton 8-11 ... J. Bleasdale
29 (7) 00 SMARTELLA M. Brittain 8-11 ... B. Deegan
32 (6) 00- MR KAN F. Carr 8-11 ... N. Carlisle
34 (4) 0040- PENTUFF D. Chapman 8-11 ... D. Nicholls
38 (12) 0300-0 PLEASANT WAYS A. Balding 8-11 J. Balding
39 (8) 000- QUALITANCES K. Stone 8-11 ... E. Brown (7)
44 (3) 4- SAILOR'S SONG N. Vigors 8-11 ... P. Cook
45 (13) SAINT LUCIE M. McCormack 8-11 ... R. Cochrane
47 (17) 040-0 SINGLE BID I. Balding 8-11 ... J. Matthias
48 (1) 0-0 SUMMER FAYRE B. Hobbs 8-11 ... A. Barclay
1984: Super Trip 9-0 J. Matthias 7-4 fav G. Hunter 10 ran.
Betting forecast: 3 Dragoness, 7-2 Singing Bid, 4 Sailor's Song, 5 Elegant Port, 8 Frisco, Summer Fayre, 10 Absanne.
TOP FORM TIPS: Dragoness 8, Elegant Port 7, Frisco 6.

5 45—WAKEFIELD MAIDEN STAKES: Div II: 6f; £798 (17 runners).
1 (4) 00- CABANAX E. Weymes 9-0 ... E. Guest (5)
4 (9) 302234- LYRIC WAY B. Hills 9-0 ... R. Hills
8 (7) 04- ROYALME M. Hinchliffe 9-0 ... P. Cook
12 (17) 0 TRIP HAMMER M. Jarvis 9-0 ... B. Raymond
13 (8) 000000- TURFFONTEIN W. Guest 9-0 ... R. Cochrane
15 (16) 0400- ABSURD Miss S. Hall 8-11 ... K. Hodgson
17 (11) D- CIRCASSIA J. Hindley 8-11 A. Shoults (4)
20 (14) 0- EUCHARIS A. Hide 8-11 ... P. Bradley (7)
21 (3) FRIENDLY BEX J. Glover 8-11 ... D. McKeown
26 (13) LOCHNASTINO M. H. Easterby 8-11 ... M. Birch
28 (2) 004- MAWK SLANEY G. Calvert 8-11 C. Shears (7)
30 (6) MARTINA'S MAGIC W. Musson 8-11 ... R. Sidebottom
34 (15) 2 NJIWA I. Balding 8-11 ... J. Matthias
35 (10) 000000- OCTILINN R. Fisher 8-11 ... D. Nicholls
37 (7) 20-0 PHARMAND N. Callaghan 8-11 A. Roper (7)
41 (5) 0- REMAINDER TIP D. Leslie 8-11 ... M. Bleasdale
43 (12) 404- RUN IN HAND J. W. Watts 8-11 T. Ives
1984: Super Trip 9-0 J. Matthias 7-4 fav G. Hunter 10 ran.
Betting forecast: Event Niwa, 4 Lyric Way, 5 Circassia, 6 Trip Hammer, 8 Pharmand, 12 Run In Hand.
TOP FORM TIPS: Njiwa 9, Lyric Way 7, Trip Hammer 6.

EPSOM CARD

2 00 Sitzcarraldo
2 35 Percase
3 05 Presidium (nb)
3 35 Bri-Eden
4 10 Sojourn
4 40 Silent Treat
5 10 Al-Aabir

JACKPOT (POOL £5,718) & PLACEPOT: FIRST SIX RACES
DRAW: LOW numbers best up to 1m
★ DENOTES BLINKERS. GOING: Good

2 00 — E B F HYDE MAIDEN STAKES: 2-Y-O; 5f; £1,618 (8 runners).
101 (5) BE POSITIVE (A. Spence) J. Berry 9-0 ... W. Carson
102 (8) BLUE GROUND (H. Joell) A. Ingham 9-0 ... G. Starkey
103 (3) 2 CRONK'S QUALITY (Cronk Garages) Mrs S. Swift 9-0 ... J. Reid
105 (1) D FRENSIDELLE GEORGE (G. Steinberg) K. Ivory 9-0 ... K. Hughes
106 (7) HASSY SCOTT (Um S. Al-Mulla) K. Brassey 9-0 ... K. Radcliffe (7)
107 (2) SAKURAM (F. Starr) B. Stevens 9-0 ... D. McKay
108 (6) 3 SITZCARRALDO (BF) (P. Davies) R. Hannon 9-0 ... Pat Eddery
111 (4) D POSITIVE APPROACH (Mrs G. Smith) R. Smyth 8-11 ... B. Rouse
1984: Silent Flutter 9-0 Pat Eddery 4-7 fav Mrs C. Reavey 5 ran.
Betting forecast: 5-4 Cronk's Quality, 7-2 Be Positive, 4 Sitzcarraldo, 6 Blue Ground, 8 Harry Scott.
TOP FORM TIPS: Cronk's Quality 8, Sitzcarraldo 7.

CHANNEL 4

2 35—GREAT METROPOLITAN HANDICAP: 1¼m; £4,051 (14 runners).
201 (11) 411/0-4 CORINTH (G. Strawbridge) I. Balding 4-10-0 ... Pat Eddery
202 (12) 2312- RUSSIAN NOBLE (Sheikh Mohammed) M. Stoute 4-9-9 W. R. Swinburn
203 (10) 32130-0 LIBRATE (C D) (S. Mailes) J. Bradley 4-9-6 ... P. Waldron
204 (4) 14000-0 TRAPEZE ARTIST (Intergroup Holding) N. Vigors 4-9-5 ... J. Reid
206 (1) 311023- ROSTOVA (W. Gredley) C. Brittain 4-9-2 ... S. Cauthen
207 (5) 03040-0 MOON JESTER (D) (T. Marshall) M. Usher 5-18-3 ... D. McKay
208 (14) 014-113 PERCASE ★ 5lb ex (D) (P. Locke) P. Cundell 6-8-13 N. Adams (5)
210 (6) 40231- IN THE SHADE (D) (C. Harper) D. Elsworth 4-8-9 ... B. Rouse
211 (9) 202024- QUICKSTEP (M. Page) M. Pipe 4-8-7 ... L. Piggott
212 (7) 23030-0 SUGAR PALM ★ (D. Goldstein) R. Hannon 4-8-4 ... L. Jones (7)
214 (8) 300-030 WIDO (D) (T. Mills) D. Mills 8-8-2 ... E. Johnson
215 (13) 1403-4 JAKUS (C D) (BF) (K. Little) Mrs N. Smith 7-8-2 T. Williams (5)
217 (2) 34300-1 ROYAL CRAFTSMAN (5lb ex) (D) (M. Ingram) Mrs N. Smith 4-7-8 ... D. Brown (7)
218 (3) 000304- SPARKLER SPIRIT (Sparkler Fillers) A. Pitt 4-7-7 ... R. Fox
1984: (2m 2f) Cheka 8-8-0 E. Johnson 11-2 jt -fav. 1. Balding 13 ran.
Betting forecast: 5 Quickstep, 6 Percase, 8 Russian Noble, Rostova, 10 Moon Jester, Royal Craftsman, 12 Corinth, Jakus, Sugar Palm.
TOP FORM TIPS: Percase 8, Russian Noble 7, Quickstep 6.

CHANNEL 4

3 05—RACAL VODAFONE BLUE RIBAND TRIAL STAKES: Group III: 3-Y-O C & G: 1m 110yds; £23,940 (8 runners).
301 (2) 11- CONCORDE AFFAIR (Mrs Ty Scheumann) H. Cecil 8-9 Paul Eddery
302 (5) 23010-0 KENTUCKY QUEST ★ (C) (Mrs B. Davis) R. Hannon 8-9 G. Starkey
303 (8) 11212- KHOZAAM (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) P. Walwyn 8-9 ... J. Mercer
305 (4) 5221- LIGHTNING DEALER 1N (Mandell) P. Kelleway 8-9 ... Pat Eddery
306 (1) 01- LORD GRUNDY (Sheikh Mohammed) M. Stoute 8-9 W. R. Swinburn
308 (6) 3134- MIDDLESEX (R. Anderson) B. Hills 8-9 ... M. Hills
309 (7) 12- PRESIDIUM (Ld H. de Walden) H. Cecil 8-9 ... S. Cauthen
312 (3) 00113-0 TICKLY BENDER (Farthing Co Ltd) R. Armstrong 8-9 ... L. Piggott
1984: Long Pond 8-6 G. Duffield 14-1 P. Kelleway 11 ran.
Betting forecast: 15-8 Presidium, 9-4 Khozaam, 7-2 Lord Grundy, 6-1 Concorde Affair, 10-1 Tickly Bender, 14-1 Middlesex, 16-1 Lightning Dealer, 25-1 Kentucky Quest.
TOP FORM TIPS: Presidium 10, Lord Grundy 7, Concorde Affair 6.

CHANNEL 4

3 35—MINORU HANDICAP: 6f; £3,028 (13 runners).
401 (1) 3143-34 AMIGO LOCO ★ (D) (J. Li) K. Brassey 4-10-0 ... S. Whitworth (3)
404 (3) 0000-03 SINGING SAILOR (D) (Introgroup Holdings Ltd) R. Hannon 6-9-9 ... Pat Eddery
405 (8) 03000-0 CLANTIME (C/D) (Clantime Ltd) J. Berry 4-9-7 ... Pat Eddery
406 (5) 210000- LITTLE STARCHY (C/D) (J. Fletcher) G. Gracey 7-9-5 ... R. Fox
407 (11) 010305- MY LOUIE (D) (T. Mills) A. Ingham 4-9-2 ... G. Starkey
408 (9) 000233- DR-EDEN (C D) (E. Robinson) J. Berry 11-9-2 ... W. Carson
409 (4) 34000-0 DARING DISPLAY (D) (Ld McAlpine) R. Smyth 4-8-12 ... S. Cauthen
410 (12) 204100- BARNET HEIR (C D) (R. Walton) Mrs S. Swift 7-8-7 J. Adams (7)
411 (2) 0030-00 SCHULA (D) (J. Greaves) H. O'Neill 5-8-1 ... S. Dawson (3)
412 (10) 12004-0 RAPID MISS (D) (D. Cooper) Mrs N. Macauley 5-8-0 ... A. Mackay
413 (7) 403-334 CAMPS HEATH (A. Whitcombe) F. Durr 4-7-12 ... —
414 (13) 3100-34 MUSIC MACHINE (D. Thompson) B. Hanlon 4-7-10 ... T. Williams (3)
416 (6) 00-00-4 WINDY LAD (Mrs P. Hughes) D. Wilson 6-7-7 ... C. Rutter (5)
1984: Spark Chief 5-9-3 Pat Eddery 7-2 fav F. Durr 11 ran.
Betting forecast: 9-2 Music Machine, 5 Bri-Eden, 6 Amigo Loco, 10 Camps Heath, Daring Display, Clantime, 12 Singing Sailor, My Louie.
TOP FORM TIPS: Music Machine 8, Bri-Eden 7, Amigo Loco 6.

CHANNEL 4

4 10—RACAL ELECTRONICS HANDICAP: 3-Y-O fillies: 1m 110yds; £3,000 (12 runners).
601 (11) 312120- SHUROOQ (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) Thomson Jones 9-7 ... A. Murray
603 (8) 00213-4 SEVERINGE (Heatwaves Stud) J. Dunlop 9-2 ... W. Carson
604 (9) 01- SOJOURN (R. Sangster) B. Stevens 8-13 ... W. R. Swinburn
606 (7) 20120- AXIOM (Mrs J. de Rothschild) B. Hobbs 8-12 ... B. Rouse
608 (4) 24120-0 ENGLISH SPRING (BF) (P. Mellon) I. Balding 8-11 ... Pat Eddery
607 (5) 034- DONA BRAGANZA (Mrs S. Gredley) R. Armstrong 8-6 P. Robinson
609 (2) 0-1 LADY EUROLINK (Eurolink Computer Services) P. Mitchell 8-5 ... A. McGlone
609 (6) 000- KUWAITIAN (Sheikh Fahad) J. Sutcliffe 8-2 ... Pat Eddery
610 (12) 04030- DOMYNGA (Mrs C. Heath) J. Bethell 8-0 ... S. Whitworth (3)
611 (1) 0020-0 MISS MONROE (C. Prewis) R. Hannon 8-0 ... B. Rouse
612 (10) 0020- CRYSTAL CREAM (S. Coates) P. Walwyn 8-0 ... N. Howe
613 (3) 400- REGENT'S FAWN (Sheikh Mohammed) B. Hills 7-10 ... R. Fox
1984: Seattle Rose 9-2 J. Mercer 8-1 P. Walwyn 9 ran.
Betting forecast: 11-4 Sojourn, 7-2 Axiom, 4 Shuroog, 6 Severinge, 10 Dona Braganza, English Spring, 12 Lady Eurolink.
TOP FORM TIPS: Shuroog 8, Dona Braganza 7, Sojourn 6.

4 40 — PRINCES' STAND HANDICAP: 3-Y-O: 7f 11yds £3,174 (17 runners).
601 (10) 4302-13 OUR JOCK (6lb ex) (Ld McAlpine) R. Smyth 9-13 ... G. Starkey
602 (7) 0130-3 STAR FORMATION (Sheikh Mohammed) J. Ciechanowski 9-1 J. Mercer
604 (8) 01020- AMBIT (T. Ramsden) A. Bailey 9-0 ... L. Charnock
605 (12) 3000-04 THE UPSTART (Stan Clab) K. Brassey 8-12 ... S. Whitworth (3)
606 (14) 021-00 EDDIE ZIP (A. Smith) J. Sutcliffe 8-11 ... B. Thomas
607 (5) 42110-0 SILENT TREAT (BF) (Sheikh Mohammed) J. Dunlop 8-11 W. Carson
608 (15) 2004-23 HONEYMAN ★ (BF) (Mrs J. Nicolaides) C. Brittain 8-11 P. Robinson
677 (3) 02210-2 AL SINGH (A. Whitcombe) F. Durr 8-9 ... N. Adams (5)
612 (17) 003- DARING WAY (R. Sangster) M. Stoute 8-9 ... W. R. Swinburn
613 (13) 14000-4 WESTERNAM (Ardee Restaurants) R. Akehurst 8-9 ... J. Reid
614 (9) 334- INDIAN RAL (Mrs R. Waters) P. Walwyn 8-9 ... Pat Eddery
616 (16) 0041-0 HOLYPORT VICTORY (Holyport Bloodstock) M. Usher 8-5 M. Wigham
617 (6) 0-40004 DASCHAMPS EXPRESS (Deschamps Thoroughbred) P. Mitchell 8-2 ... A. McGlone
618 (4) 00000-0 ONE WAY TICKET (Brilannia Shipping Services) A. Pitt 8-1 B. Rouse
619 (2) 02043- AYRSHIRE LASS (Greenland Park Ltd) I. Balding 8-1 ... K. Johnson
620 (1) 0440-40 EDWIN'S PRINCESS (C) (BF) (V. Randell) R. Ivory 8-0 R. Fox
622 (11) 000- GILDEROALE (Avon Industries Ltd) N. Vigors 7-7 ... S. Dawson (5)
1984: Bobby Dazzler 9-4 J. Reid 12-1 D. Laing 9 ran.
Betting forecast: 4 Silent Treat, 5 Daring Way, 11-2 Honeyman, 7 Our Jock, 8 Star Formation, 10 The Upstart, Indian Ral, 12 Edwin's Princess, Westernam.
TOP FORM TIPS: Silent Treat 8, Honeyman 7, Our Jock 6.

5 10—BANSTEAD MAIDEN STAKES: 3-Y-O; 7f 11yds; £1,370 (18 runners).
1 (12) 02 ABSOLUTE BOUNDER (J. Davis) R. Hannon 9-0 ... Pat Eddery
2 (9) 2- AL-AABIR (Hamdan

SOCCER

Robert Armstrong
Ipswich 2, Leicester 0

D'Avray driving force

Ipswich Town pulled three points clear of the relegation zone with an elegant exhibition of counter-attacking football that Leicester could rarely match at Portman Road last night. Goals by Sunderland and D'Avray gave Bobby Ferguson's side an interval lead which their goalkeeper, Cooper, preserved with several excellent saves in the final frantic half-hour.

Ipswich made shrewd use of the hard-working Gates in the space behind the front-runners, supplying him with a stream of passes that otfes caused defenders to retreat rapidly to protect Andrews in the Leicester goal. With Zondervan probing cleverly on the left flank and Parkin capably winming the ball on the right, the East Englians team took a grip on the midfield they rarely looked like relinquishing.

Leicester relied heavily on the pace of Lineker and the tricky skills of Lynex to put Ipswich defence under pressure, with Alan Smith offering an aerial presence in front of goal. But the Ipswich centre-backs, Butcher and Steggles, were in composed mood, anticipating danger and occasionally helping out in the Ipswich counter-attacks.

Itseemed surprising that Gordon Milne left out Ramsey, whose defensive midfield qualities were precisely what Leicester lacked as they struggled to contain the fluent Ipswich movements. Though Banks and Peake were adept at providing accurate links with their eager forwards, their side seemed vulnerable to the power of D'Avray and the sudden switches of position by Sunderland.

However, it was from a relatively simple set-piece that Ipswich took the lead after just four minutes. When Peake barged down Zondervan near the left touchline, Brennan curled over a teasing free kick which Steggles flicked on to Sunderland beyond the far post. The striker celebrated his ninth goal of the season with a stunning right-foot volley into the left-hand corner of the net.

Despite their intelligent approach work, Leicester failed to make similarly productive use of a series of free-kicks which they won just a few yards outside the penalty area. It came as no surprise when Ipswich increased their lead six minutes before the interval, following a low, driven cross by parkin which the Leicester defenders were unable to intercept. D'Avray met the ball with a drive from 10 yards which flew just inside a post.

Ipswich were fortunate to preserve their two-goal lead in the frantic minutes just before and after half-time. First, Cooper made a brave point-blank save at the fect of Smith, then in the 48th minute Lynex saw his angled drive bounce off the top of the crossbar.

Ipswich: Cooper; Burley, Gernon, Zondervan, Steggles, Butcher, Sunderland, Brennan, D'Avray, Parkin, Gates.
Leicester City: Andrews; Seeley, Wilson, Smith, Williams, O'Neill, Lynex, Lineker, Smith, Banks, Peake.
Referee: N. Butler (East Molesey).

Paul Fitzpatrick
Sheff Wed 3, QPR 1

Rangers relapse

A penalty, scored by Marwood, so bitterly disputed that Gregory and James were booked, helped take Sheffield Wednesday a step closer to European football at Hillsborough last night. QPR took the blow so badly they never looked likel yto recover from it, and in the final minute Blair scored a third goal. Wednesday now move into fourth place.

For a side with their sights set on Europe, Wednesday were singularly lacking in ambition in the first 25 minutes. So too were Rangers, and the opening exchanges were tedious in the extreme.

Misplaced passes and ball-watching were among the worst of the shortcomings, a series of niggling fouls completing a dreary brew. It was desperate need of a goal, but there were few signs of one materialising.

It was the 25th minute before Wednesday came to life. Marwood made good progress down the right and his cross was met by Shelton, whose shot took a deflection and dipped narrowly over the crossbar.

Better followed when Marwood again opened up Rangers' left flank, and this time Stainrod met the ball on the volley. Once more Hucker was grateful to see the ball sail a few inches over the crossbar.

t was almost inevitble in such a scrappy contest that someone should find his way into the referee's notebook, and Fillery did so after 34 minutes. Fillery's trip on Shelton would have cost no more than a free kick, but the Rangers player could not stop himself arguing the point.

Wednesday now increased the pressure, and just before half time the deadlock was broken when Stainrod, with a header from Blair's corner, collected his first goal since leaving Shepherds Bush.

Sheffield Wednesday: Hodge; Shirliff, Morris, Smith, Lyons, Worthington, Marwood, Blair, Stainrod, Chapman, Shelton.
QPR: Hucker; Chivers, Dawes, Waddock, James, Fenwick, McDonald, Fillery, Bannister, Gregory, Allen.
Referee: J. Lovatt (Crewe).

Patrick Barclay on Everton's European task tonight

Goodison's gala

EVERTON's quest for a historic treble continues tonight at Goodison Park, where the club's biggest attendance of a momentous season is expected for the second leg of the European Cup-Winner's Cup semi-final against Bayern Munich.

With the League championship all but settled and Howard Kendall's side already assured of a place in the FA Cup final, some 45,000 spectators can expect to see the entry of another successful cheaper. There was heartening news yesterday of Derek Mountfield, the tall central defender whose headed goal against Luton sent the team to Wembley. He will be back in place of Ian Atkins after missing two matches with a knea injury.

History, too, is on Everton's side, Bayern having made a habit of being knocked out of Europe by British sides. They have fallen to Liverpool, Aston Villa, Aberdeen, and Tottenham in successive seasons, with the victors proceeding to take the trophy at stake in each case. Everton, like Aberdeen, should find that their team spirit and all-round strength is enough to book a first ever European final.

But Everton may have reason to be glad for the return of Mountfield, who

MOUNTFIELD: Heartening return

played well in the 0-0 draw at the Olympic Stadium a fortnight ago. Goalless first legs can be a mixed blessing under the away-goals rule and although Southall has yet to be beaten in seven European matches, Everton will have to guard carefully against the possibility of Bayern scoring one tonight.

It would leave Kendall's side needing two to win: a none-too-simple task against a defence marshalled by the capable Augenthaler and backed by the agile, experienced Belgian goalkeeper Pfaff.

Bayern, who are chasing a treble identical to Everton's, have been less consistent of late. While Everton stretched their unbeaten run to 24 matches at Stoke on Saturday the Germans lost to Hamburg, enabling Werder Bremen to close the gap at the top of the table.

Nevertheless, midfield players of the quality of Matthous and Lerby will be able to set Everton problems on the break while the 19-year-old Kogl's sheer pace can again be expected to present Stevens with one of his most searching tests of the season.

The only change from the Bayern side that searched in vain for inspiration at home is likely to bring in an attacking midfield player, probably Wohlfarth, for the tall centre-forward Dieter Hoeness, who struggled painfully against Mountfield and Ratcliffe in the Olympic stadium.

Bayern's coach Udo Lattek believes tonight's game will be different. "I am not pessimistic," he said, "We can do what Liverpool did to us in the European Cup four years ago when we had a goalless game at Anfield. But they went through with a 1-1 draw in the return."

Everton: — Southall; Stevens, Van der Hauwe, Ratcliffe, Mountfield, Reid, Steven, Gray, Sharp, Bracewell, Sheedy.
Bayern Munich (probable): —Pfaff; Dremmler, Willmer, Eder, Augenthaler, Lerby, Pflugler, Matthous, Wohlfarth, Rummenigge, Kogl.
Referee: E. Fredriksson (Swe).

David Lacey with Liverpool in Athens

Beware the book

LIVERPOOL are one short step from their fifth European Cup final and as the players flew into Athens yesterday evening it seemed simply a matter of putting one foot in front of the other. The holders go into the away leg of their semi-final against Panathinaikos with a 4-0 lead from Anfield a fortnight ago.

While Queen's Park Rangers have set an unfortunate precedent this season by surrendering a 6-2 advantage to Partizan Belgrade in the UEFA Cup, it is not a matter likely to concern Liverpool over much tonight. In 22 seasons of European competition they have only conceded more than three goals in a match on one occasion, and that was the 5-1 defeat by Ajax Amsterdam in the 1966-7 European Cup.

So the story that swept around a few sports desk that Ian Rush had dreamt about Liverpool losing 5-0 in Athens can safely be put down to fanciful if hardly wishful thinking. What concerns Liverpool more is the present health of their team and the shape it is likely to be in if, or more likely when, they face Juventus in the final in Brussels on May 29.

Their immediate problem

LAWRENSON: Pushing up

concerns injuries. Neither Rush nor Kennedy is likely to play and there are also doubt about Gillespie and Wark. Rush is still recovering from the knee strain that kept him out of last week's FA Cup semi-final replay against Manchester United, and there was never much hope of Kennedy reappearing after missing the first leg because of an injured ankle.

His replacement, Beglin, who scored the fourth goal against the Greeks with a resounding header, has himself been handicapped by a calf strain but should be all right.

At the moment the plan is to play Gillespie alongside Hansen at centre back and push Lawrenson forward to strengthen the midfield for what will start out as a holding operation. Walsh will again partner Dalglish up front.

The other difficulty is the fact that the Hansen, Dalglish and Whelan, along with Johnston, who could be on the bench, will miss the final if any of them receive a caution from the East German referee, Adolf Prokop. By all accounts Panathinaikos became involved in a rough house at the weekend when they drew 1-1 with Apollon Kalamarias. Their approach has been provocative in some of their previous ties but yesterday Joe Fagin, the Liverpool manager, explained the problems in dealing with a situation of this sort.

"What do you tell players?" he said "If you warn them about bookings they might start to pull out of tackle and we cannot have that. I think the best thing is to say nothing and leave it to their common sense. The players concerned know that they must not get any more yellow cards."

Liverpool (from): Grobbelaar; Neal, Gillespie, Lawrenson, Nicol, Beglin, Ranson, Dalglish, Whelan, Walsh, Lee, Wark.
Panathinaikos (probable): Leftsis; Tsanis, Kiriazis, Dontas, Xenoulis, Zafeo, Antoniou, Mavridis, Rocha, Saravakos, Dimopoulos.

OLYMPIC GAMES
John Rodda

Palmer's swift response

The three British cities — London, Manchester and Birmingham — bidding to stage the Olympic Games of 1992 are being asked to hustle along their plans. Charles Palmer, the chairman of the British Olympic Association, is asking them to make their presentations to the BOA next month, in order that the winning candidate can go to the session of the International Olympic Committee in Berlin in June.

Palmer acted swiftly on the suggestion that, if Britain is to be the seventh candidate for the Games, it is essential thre should be a presence at the Berlin meeting.

"While we have asked and recieved an extension from the IOC for cities to bid, now that there are three from Britain it makes seo have the successful candidate making its presence felt at the one IOC session before tre formal bid is made next year," Palmer said.

Manchester have spent the ast 12 weeks preparing an application, with a committee containing several millionaires. They also sent a representative o Los Angeles, to learn from the organisers of last year's Games. David Hemery, the olympic hurdles champion in 1968, is among their advisers.

Birmingham formally announced their bid yesterday, and are preparing to spend £110,000 on a feasibility study designed to embrace the cities of Nottingham and Leicester as well. Birmingham's bid suggests a multi-million pound package of new sporting facilities.

The winning bid automatically carries Government support, which is required under the IOC charter. This is to nsure that all national Olympic committees recieve an invitation to take part in the Games.

The bid by the City of London is at this stage only in the form of a letter of intent. The Lord Mayor, Sir Alan Traill, ill be calling a meeting (probably next week) of parties in the City and the rest of London to examine the various site possibilities and the methods of funding the Games.

Patrick Barclay — Blackburn 0, Palace 1

Irvine shatters Rover's dreams

Crystal Palace, who beat Portsmouth at the weekend, exerted further influence on the scramble to get into the First Division by winning at Blackburn last night, Irvine scoring the only goal of a tedious match shortly after half time. Portsmouth now come strongly back into contention, along with Manchester City, whom they meet at Fratton Park on Saturday.

Blackburn showed signs of the jitters that have lately been afflicting several promotion candidates and Gennoe was extremely fortunate when he dropped a cross from Locke. With Murphy, Aylott, and Gray all lurking hungrily, Randell stepped in to make an important clearance.

Depite moments of promise from the youngsters Barker, an England under-21 international, and Patterson, the home side's play remained scrappy. They had plenty of possession but the giant Droy, forming with Cannon a central defensive partnersip of formidable presence, dealt firmly with a stream of crosses from Miller.

Droy took time off to receive treatment to what seemed to be a groin strain, but was soon back in the fray, advancing into Blackburn's penalty area to meet a free kick from Cannon. Keeley barged into him, hazarding a penalty, but the referee saw nothing amiss. At the other end the pair clashed again, Keeley appearing to strike his rival on the back of the head, but again the matter was overlooked.

Mr Aplin was eventually obliged to produce his book when Locke, who had earlier taken Patterson's left boot in his midriff, tripped Rathbone quite senselessly with the ball running out of reach. Then, incongruously, a flurry of football took place. Garner having a thrust blunted by Cannon and Miller diving headlong to shave a post.

Blackburn Rovers: Gennoe; Brandon, Rathbone, Barker, Keeley, Fazackerley, Miller, Randell, Thompson, Garner, Patterson.
Crystal Palace: Wood; Locke, Sparrow, Taylor, Droy, Cannon, Irvine, Murphy, Aylott, Gray, Stebbing.
Referee: G. Aplin (Kendal).

SOCCER IN BRIEF

EXETER CITY have parted with their third manager in three years. Jim Iley was the man involved yesterday, less than 13 months after taking over from the former England captain Gerry Francis.

The Fourth Division club said Iley had been relieved of his duties after a disappointing string of League results. City were also knocked out of the FA Cup by Enfield of the Gola League. John Hore, the former Plymouth manager, takes over team affiars until a permanent appointment is made.

DAVE LANGAN of Oxford and Birmingham's Gerry Daly have come in from the international cold for the Republic of Ireland's World Cup qualifying game against Norway in Dublin next Wednesday.

Langan last played for the Republic in 1983 against France when he damaged a knee, while Daly's previous game for the Irish was in the drawn friendly against Mexico last August. Porto's striker Mick Walsh is also recalled.

IAN BAIRD, the Leeds striker, agreed to be bound over for one year in the sum of £100 when he appeared before Southampton magistrates yesterday. The former Southampton player, 21, admitted being in circumstances likely to cause a breach of the peace after an incident at a ity police station on January 16.

The court heard that Baird an dthree other men had complained after a friend was arrested, and directed "a torrent of abuse and obscene language" towards officers. The men were asked to leave, but Baird returned twice, on the latter occasion swearing at an officer.

WEST HAM's manager John Lyall yesterday confirmed his interest in Spanish midfielder Manuel Sanchez Torres. Lyall said: "I have watched him and he is a good, capable player."

Torres is under contract with Dutch club Twente Enschode until June 1986 but a clause allows for his release for a maximum £225,000 if it will improve his career.

SPORT IN BRIEF

RUGBY UNION: Bath, the holders, include nine England internationals in their t3am to meet London Welsh in the final of the John Player Cup at Twickenham on Saturday, writes David Frost. They will be fielding last season's Cup-winning side with two exceptions. Simon Halliday, the England B centre who missed last year's final with a broken ankle, takes over from Alun Rees, and Greg Bess hooks in place of Bob Cunningham, the Scotland B captain, who has played little rugby this year because of injury.

ATHLETICS: Ten-kilometre road running, a lucrative source of prize money for British athletes completing in the US, received a three-year £700,000 sponsorship boost this side of the Atlantic yesterday. Gaymer's, who brew cider, have joined forces with the International Athletes' Club, to stage a series of 10-kilometre races this year in London, Cardiff and Glasgow, writes Stephen Brierley.

Craig Virgin, world cross-country champion in 1981, will lead an American challenge, while Olympic silver-medal winner Wendy Sly will compete in the women's races over three kilometres. But Zola Budd will not be running this year. She will be in South Africa although Dave Bedford, the IAC chairman, said Miss Budd had declined because of possible anti-apartheid demonstrations.

"We are not sure we could police a city centre against this sort of thing," said Bedford.

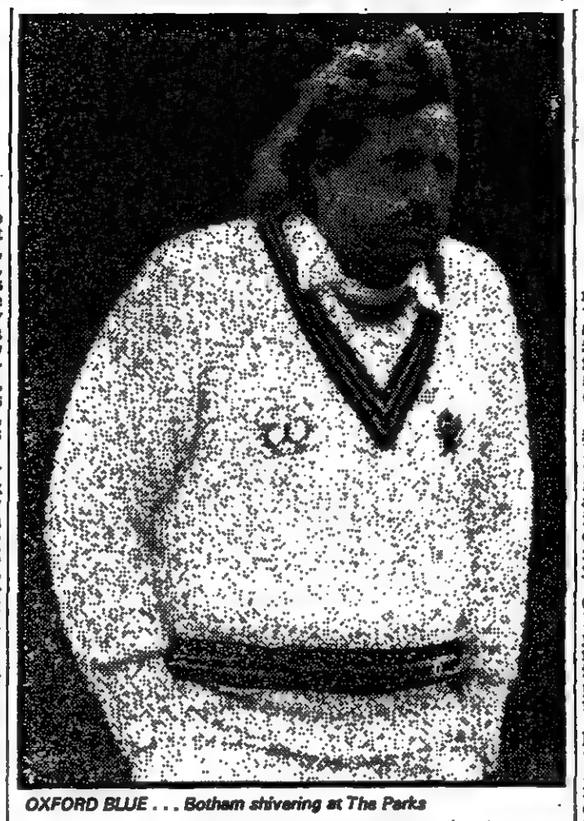
TENNIS: Nick Fulwood, Britain's No. 11 maintained his recent sparkling form when he beat the world junior champion, Mark Kratzman, in the second of the LTA's Spring Circuit tournaments at Queens' Club yesterday. He won 3-6, 6-3, 6-1, to set himself up for a Wimbledon wild card.

Steve Shaw, Britain's new Davis Cup hope, recorded a fine victory over Marko Ostoja in the first round of the inaugural Punto Romano Open in Marbella yesterday, writes Richard Evans. He beat the Yugoslav clay court expert 6-2, 6-3.

ROWING: Men's and women's crews from St Anne's College, Oxford, will race each other for the 47 miles from Oxford to Henley on Saturday, May 4, to raise cash for a boathouse and equipment, writes Christopher Dodd.

Peter de Savary, sponsor of Britain's yacht in the 1983 America's Cup, is leading the £50,000 appeal. St Anne's, which took in men in 1979, is the only Oxford college without a roof over the equipment of its most popular sport.

ICE HOCKEY: East Germany, faced with possible demotion from the top group of teams, won an important point by holding Finland to a 4-4 draw at the World Championships in Prague yesterday.


OXFORD BLUE . . . Botham shivering at The Parks

David Foot
at The Parks

Carr's cold comfort

THERE was never the remotest chance of a result. The truncated match on this increasingly slow wicket revealed little more than John Carr's impressive maturity.

He played as though he had already been around the county circuit, not for a moment like an Oxford undergraduate. His century was rich in boundaries, 20 of them, and in assertively attacking strokes.

Carr, of the prestigious parentage, sustained the similarities between this match and the teams' last meeting. Just as Wyatt and Roebuck had done, he repeated his hundred. The bowling was quite innocuous: Carr's batting, mostly correct until late hints of indiscretion, was reassuring to the University and, in the longer term, to Middlesex.

It was bitterly cold, worse than the Somerset players could ever remember in a match. Dicky Bird huddled like a snowman, fielders looked comically obese in their threefold layers of sweaters.

SOMERSET. — First Innings: 351 dec. (overnight: J. G. Wyatt 145, P. M. Roebuck 123 not out, N. F. Pocock[illegible] 67 not out).
Bowling: Thorne 15-3-49-0; Quisten 21-8-52-1; Tremlett 21-3-90-0; Lawrence 25-8-87-0; Carr 38-8-78-8.

OXFORD. — First Innings:
A. J. T. Miller c Botham b Turner 6
W. N. Bristowe b Turner 4
S. J. Toogood c Gard b Dodd 99
J. D. Carr b Marks 115
D. A. Thorne c Wyatt b Booth 31
J. E. Franks not out 10
T. Pabai not out 12
Extras (b 4, nb 6) 10
Total (5 wkts) 347
Fall of wickets: 8, 11, 165, 223, 222.
Bowling: Davis 21-7-35-1; Turner 3.1-2-20-2; Palmer 28-8-58-0; Booth 19-7-42-1; Poonlawdi 6.5-1-41-0; Marks 14-7-18-1; Botham 6-1-26-0.

Clive Everton at Sheffield

Davis in mood to break prize barrier

SNOOKER

Although Steve Davis has not dominated the snooker world as he has in some seasons, he has still earned £147,501 in prize money alone from the current campaign — nearly £30,000 more than anyone else.

He moved towards the £60,000 first prize in the Embassy World Championship — which would make him the first player to win £200,000 in a single season — by completing a 13-6 quarter-final victory over Terry Griffiths at Sheffield's Crucible Theatre, yesterday.

When he led 4-0, it seemed Griffiths could regain the title he won at the first attempt six years ago but a the holder responded, the Welshman faded, his self-belief blunted perhaps by having lost three times to Davis at the Crucible.

There may also be a psychological implication in Griffiths taking second place to Davies in the Barry Heirn management stable, though all concerned are adamant this is not the case.

Trailing 6-10 overnight, Griffiths engineered a promising opening but fouled a ball with his waistcoat to allow Davies to compile a break of 80. No further resistance was forthcoming.

Tony Knowles, resuming at 5-3 against Jimmy White, was nearly caught at 7-7 when White led 41-0, but the No.3 seed rplied with a break of 50 and got home on the colours to go 8-6 up. Knowles responded again two frames later with a break of 89 to carry a 9-7 lead going into the final session.

Dennis Taylor, the Irish champion, needed to win only three frames yesterday—the last with the contest's highest break, 70 to eliminate his Canadian counterpart Cliff Thorburn, 13-5.

Thorburn attempted to win through attrition on Monday, but after 9 hours 45 mins Taylor led him 10-5 when the match was adjourned at 1.21 am.

Taylor would not be shaken off. "Mentally, I was prepared to go on for as long as it took," said the men whose previous victim had been another stayer, Eddie Charlton. "Imagine playing Jimmy White, after two matches like that," he added, contemplating that semi-final possibility.

John Parrott, the 20-year-old Merseysider, resuming at 5-3, reached 7-3 with a 93 clearance against Ray Reardon. The youngster lost this early inspiration and the next two frames before his 114 clearance and another sweeping frame win put him four clear at 9-5.

Reardon's experience produced a rock-steady break of 54 in the 16th frame, potting the last red with one rest held on top of another. Then as Parrott twice failed to pot the green with the remaining colours on, his lead was reduced to a precarious 9-7 at the interval.

Mike Selvey
at Fenner's

McEwan's sleepy slog

A cruel St George's Day at Fenner's was dominated by umpire Constant's skiing hat and the Essex batsmen, with centuries from McEwan and Hardy and a merry slog from Gooch. Fletcher's challenging declaration mid-afternoon set Cambridge to make 445 in 100 minutes plus 20 overs. Spurning the opportunity they finished early at 69 for two.

The candy offered during the pre-lunch session by the University bowlers was gratefuly accepted by Ken McEwan, seemingly only half-awake following a winter's cricketless hibernation, when he scored 115 from only 99 balls.

This prompted Gooch to take post-prandial revenge on the bowling to the tune of 88 from 6 deliveries including seven sixes and six fours, 30 runs butchered from one over by the off-spinner Gorman. He was eventually frustrated by Hardy's domination of the strike, if not the scoring, and also succumbed to a well-judged catch at deep mid-wicket.

ESSEX. — First Innings: 330-6 dec (G. A. Gooch 98, K. W. R. Fletcher 56 not out, K. R. Pont 66).
CAMBRIDGE UNIV. — First Innings: 223-6 dec (D. J. Foll 86, T. A. Cotterell 69 not out).

ESSEX — Second Innings (overnight 28-2)
B. R. Hardie not out 112
K. S. McEwan c Foll b Gorman 110
G. A. Gooch c Abhewalla b Scott 88
Extras (l b 1, lb 3, w 1) 5
Total 4 wkts dec 327
Fall of wickets (contd): 198, 327.
Bowling: Grimes 15-5-64-1; Elliott 18-3-60-1; Scott 11.3-1-63-1; Cotterell 4-1-19-0; Gorman 13-3-79-1; Lee 1-0-8-0.
CAMBRIDGE UNIV. — Second Innings:
A. E. Lee not out 37
M. S. Abhewalla run out 1
D. J. Foll c Pont b Acfield 27
D. C. Price not out 0
Total (2 wkts) 69
Fall of wickets: 5, 66.
Bowling: Lever 5-4-4-0; Pont 8-3-12-0; Childs 16-8-23-0; Acfield 12-4-30-1.

Dilip Rao on the British Open finals

Martine misses out

The women's title in the Davies and Tate British Open Championships, an Australian preserve for 22 years and won last year by New Zealand's Susan Devoy, again eluded a home challenger—Martine Le Moignan was too erratic to beat the holder last night.

Miss Devoy, calm and accurate with her short game, beat Miss Le Moignan 9-6, 5-9, 9-6, 9-5 in a 59-minute final at the Wembley Conference Centre. The match was replete with brilliant shots and contained enough swings of fortune to make it a final above the ordinary.

The Guernsey girl, making her first appearance in the final, could not hold on to a useful lead in the first game. She was brilliant in the second, which she clinched with a run of three points from successive Miss Devoy errors.

The third game was much closer than seemed likely when Miss Devoy raced to a 7-1 lead and, in the fourth, Miss Le Moignan fell away after depriving the New Zealander of a big early lead.

For England, it was as good an Open as in a long time, which five home challengers in the last 16, two surviving at the quarter-final stage and presence in the semi-finals for the second year running.

The standard among the top 10 English players has risen but there is still a significant gap between them and the world's front runners. The one who promises most to close it is David Lloyd, from Shropshire.

Still only 19, Lloyd has speed and flair, ingredients in a champion. For some months he has been under the wing of Jonah Barrington, who has impressed on Lloyd the importance of discipline both in preparation and choice of shot.

Lloyd's progress to the quarter-finals compensated for the failure of England's No. 1, Gawain Briars, to play to his potential and take advantage of a highly favourable draw. After playing dazzling squash in the preceding tournaments, he was beaten by his temperament on the big occasion.

England's women held their own. The fact that more of them figured in the closing stages is an indication of improvement but it also reflects a slowing-down in the Australian production line.

Apart from Martine Le Moignan, a finalist for the first time, the most improved home player was Heather Wallace, the first outstanding talent Scotland has produced since Cynthia McLure in the mid-60s. Miss Wallace should be a strong challenger next year.

HOCKEY
Pat Rowley

Cash lure for India

The Hockey Association, determined to make their international tournament at Willesden in October a success this year, are for the first time to offer a leding country financial inducement to take part. The sum involved is thought to be several thousand pounds.

The country concerned is India, wh would no doubt to be a big draw, especially with the large Asian community in London.

The Indian Hockey Federation declined the original invitation saying that they were already committed to one visit to Europe this year, for the BMW 4 x 4 tournament at Amstelveen in June, but they are to reconsider their decision.

The 1986 World Cup committee are organising this year's squad after the disastrous tournament last October. The Netherlands, who have accepted, and the Soviet Union are the other invitees. The World Cup Committee report that Willesden Stadium is being refurbished, the floodlighting upgarded and a watering system introduced.

While hockey awaits news of the sponsors, essential for the World Cup, the Hockey Association have brought off a minor cup in persuading insurance brokers C. E. Heath to sponsor coaching at national level for the next three years. The main emphasis will be to benefit young players with international potential who will be able to attend the Heath School of Hockey.

The Hockey Association also annouced yesterdy thaat the Englnd under 21 tem, pnu pno th idJuno Cup finals in Vancouver (August 12 to 25) are to make a tour of Europe from July 12-20.

East Grinstead, the 1984 English champions, are expected to make an announcement today about their participation in the European club championship B finals in Northern Ireland. There must be a danger that they will follow the lead of Edinburgh Civil Service and withdraw. It is ni secret a number of their players are worried about the risks invoived.

RESULTS

Soccer

CANON LEAGUE. — First Division. — Ipswich 2, Leicester 0; Sheffield Wed 3, QPR 1.
SECOND DIVISION. — Blackburn 0, C. Palace 1; Cardiff 3, Barnsley 0.
THIRD DIVISION. — Brentford 3, Rotherham 0; Bristol 0, Walsall 0; Burnley 0, Derby 1; Cambridge 0, Bradford 4; Preston 1, Hull 4; Wigan 2, Bristol 2
FOURTH DIVISION. — Aldershot 1, Colchester 0; Bury 4, Chester 1; Halifax 2, Stockport 1; Northampton 2, Darlington 1; Southend 0, Chesterfield 1; Wrexham 2, Crewe 0.
FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY. — Quarter-Final: Orient 4, Millwall 2.
WELSH CUP.—Semi-Final, Second Leg: Newport 0, Bangor C 0 (agg: 0-1).
SCOTTISH LEAGUE. — Second Division: Alloa 0, Berwick 0; Dunfermline 2, Raith 3; Montrose 0, Albion 0.
IRISH LEAGUE. — Coleraine 1, Cliftonville 2; Linfield 1, Portadown 0; Newry T 4, Ards 1.

Rugby Union

CLUB MATCH. — Neath 40, Glamorgan Wand 13.
CORNWALL CUP.—Final: Camborne 11, St Ives 10.

Rugby League

SLALOM LAGER CHAMPIONSHIP.—Barrow 14, Wigan 28; Bradford N 26, Hull 22; Hull KR 10, Widnes 32; Leigh 24, Castleford 24.

Snooker

EMBASSY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (Sheffield).—Dennis Taylor 6, Davis 1 (Romford) beat T. Griffiths (Llanelli) 13-6. Second session frames (Davis first): 64-12, 77-18, 14-61, 79-46, 75-3, 72-17, 15-88, 68-1. Third session frames: 84-6, 42-26, 69-2. Dennis Taylor (Blackburn) beat C. Thorburn (Can) 13-5. Second session frames (Taylor first): 25-46, 72-39, 60-10, 58-24, 77-48, 57-17, 58-56, 55-57, 6-26. Third session frames: 56-18, 67-13, 76-0.
J. Parrott (Liverpool) leads R. Reardon (Stoke) 9-7. Second session frames (Parrott first): —78-16, 113-7, 53-69, 2-66, 125-13, 105-10, 1-69, 42-69.
T. Knowles (Bolton) leads J. White (Wimbledon) 9-7. Second session frames (Knowles first): 10-52, 68-23, 57-70, 71-46, 55-65, 68-41, 14-82, 80-0.

Tennis

VIRGINIA SLIMS WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT (San Diego). — Singles, First Round (US unless stated): B. Nagelsen (Aus) beat C. Vanier (Fr), 6-3, 6-1; A. Henricksson beat K. Cummings, 6-2, 6-2; E. Tell beat C. Benjamin, 6-1, 6-2; B. Herr beat L. Spain-Short, 4-6, 7-6 (7-2), 6-1; Hu Na beat M. Quinlan, 6-2, 7-5; M. Gurney beat T. Holladay, 6-4, 6-3; M. Lou Piatek beat P. Medrado (Br), 6-2, 6-4.
WCT—ATLANTA CHAMPIONSHIPS. — First Round (US unless stated): R. Krickstein (US) beat S. Giammalva 6-4, 7-6; P. Cash (Aus) beat J. Lapidus 4-6, 6-1, 6-4; L. Shiras beat R. Green 6-3, 6-7, 6-3; S. Denton beat B. Becker (W Ger) 6-7, 6-4, 7-6; B. Gilbert beat A. Honey (USA) 6-2, 6-4; K. Curren beat C. Van Rensburg (SA) 6-3, 6-3; P. Annacone beat T. Moor 6-3, 7-5; D. Pate beat M. Pernfors (Swe) 6-3, 7-6.
WTA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS (Lake Buena Vista, Florida).—First Round: K. Maleeva (Bul) beat N. Dias (Ara) 6-3, 6-2; A. M. Cecchini (It) beat M. Paz (Arg) 4-6, 7-6, 6-2; B. Spahr (US) beat O. Tsarbotolou (Gre) 6-2, 6-1.

Squash Rackets

BRITISH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS (Wembly).—Women's Final: S. Devoy beat M. le Moignan (Guernsey) 9-6, 5-9, 9-6, 9-5.

FIXTURES

Soccer

(7.30—on unless stated)
EUROPEAN CUP.—Semi-finals, second leg: Bordeaux v. Juventus (7.0). Panathinaikos v. Liverpool (6.0).
EUROPEAN CUP: WINNERS' CUP.—Semi-finals, second leg: Everton v. Bayern Munich. Moscow Dynamo v. Rapid Vienna (4.0).
UEFA CUP.—Semi-finals, second leg: Real Madrid v. Inter Milan (8.0). Zeljeznicar Sarajevo v. Videoton (8.15).
CANON LEAGUE.—First Division: Aston Villa v. Wexford, Luton v. Nottingham Forest (7.45). Manchester United v. Southampton, Stoke v. Norwich, WBA v. Sonderland.
SECOND DIVISION: Oxford v. Shrewsbury.
THIRD DIVISION: Lincoln v. Doncaster. Reading v. Plymouth.
FOURTH DIVISION: Hereford v. Crewe. Mansfield v. Scunthorpe.
BOB LORD TROPHY. — Final: First leg: Maidstone v. Runcorn.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE. — Burton v. Stafford R; Rhyl v. Mossley.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE. — Premier Division: Alvechurch v. Bedworth, Cheltenham v. R.S. Southampton, King's Lynn v. A.P. Leamington, Welling Utd v. Shepshed, Willenhall v. Frome Ath.
CENTRAL LEAGUE. — Southern Division: v Notts Co (7.0). Coventry v. Man Utd (7.0). Derby v. WBA (7.0). Nottm Forest v. Barnsley (7.0). Second Division: Scunthorpe v. Rotherham, Wigan v. Oldham, York City v. Preston (7.0).
FOOTBALL COMBINATION. — Chelsea v. QPR (2.15). Millwall v. Tottenham (2.0).
SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE. — Bangor v. Distillery (6.45).
CENTENARY MATCH: Hemel Hempstead v. Isthmian League XI.
SERVOWARM ISTHMIAN LEAGUE. — First Division: Chesham v. Farnborough.

Rugby Union

CLUB MATCHES: Abertillery v. Tredegar (7.0); Bedford v. Nuneaton (7.15). Otley v. Rugby. S Wales Police v. Pontypool (7.0). Weston-s-Mare v. Clifton, Penrie v. St Austell.
CHESHIRE CUP FINAL. — Sale v. Lymm.
Northern matches: Birkenhead Park v. Nelson. Brighton: Blackburn v. St Helens. Chester v. Widnes.
Second Division: Carlisle v. Salford, Runcorn v. Rochdale (7.45).

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As the season springs into action, MATTHEW ENGEL analyses the prospects for the 17 counties vying for honours, and outlines the rewards on offer to them and the national side

How the 1985 county set line up

ESSEX

Form (Championship positions in the '80s): 8, 5, 7, 1, 1.
Captain: Keith Fletcher.
Overseas players: Ken McEwan and Norbert Phillip (both can play).
Britannic County Champions and John Player League champions.

ESSEX people feel their extraordinary double last year — both leagues — has not been given the credit it deserves. I think they are right. We have become too used to their successes to take in the enormity of the latest triumphs. Now Fletcher and co. have another problem: follow that. We have been saying Essex have been *getting old for so long that* maybe age cannot wither them. But the selectors can. With the ban over, Gooch will miss most of the Essex summer almost certainly, Foster very possibly — and if Lever pulls through his knee troubles and bowls the way he did in 1982-3 he will be doing it for England not Essex. But the team *still* have great spirit and cohesion, and Fletcher's leadership (the old gnome has signed on for another two years), and an extra bowling option, too: John Childs having arrived from Gloucestershire as a belated slow left-arm replacement for Ray East. When, I wonder, did anyone last move from the bottom club to the top? Can Essex do the hat-trick? Perhaps not quite, but if they fail, it will be a very honourable failure.

Name to watch: Paul Prichard, 20, class-looking bat in the Fletcher mould who may well get more chances to open when Gooch is away.

NOTTS

Form: 3, 1, 4, 14, 2.
Captain: Clive Rice.
Overseas players: Rice and Richard Hadlee (both can play).

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE were deprived of the Championship last year by the few inches between Richard Ollis's feet and the boundary edge when the crucial last catch was taken at Taunton. They try again with almost every bookmaker making them clear favourites (no 33-1 this time) but with a touch of apprehension at Trent Bridge itself. There is now no Hendrick (though he only played three games last year anyway) and no chance that Rice can ever be a front-line bowler again. Hadlee really will have to carry the weight and, after a hard winter's slog for NewZealand, it is a bit much to ask even him to do the double all over again. They are sure to be a very good side once again: Broad, Robinson and an apparently rejuvenated Randall may all be playing more county than Test cricket this summer, which will give them some *wonderful starts*; there are plenty of good youngsters like the boisterous bat Paul Johnson and *solid* back-up men for Hadlee like Saxelby and Cooper. But I fancy if Nottinghamshire are to win something this year, it could be a one-day competition, and I fear they *may be nearly men in* everything once again.
Name to watch: Peter Such, 20, widely regarded as the most talented young off-spinner in England and set to prove it if he can avoid injuries for once.

MIDDLESEX

Form: 1, 4, 1, 2, 3
Captain: Mike Gatting
Overseas player: Wayne Daniel
NatWest Trophy holders

THE GREATEST county team of recent years now faces what could be their greatest trial. With both the ban and Gatting's long Test apprenticeship concluded, Middlesex could lose four, maybe more, players whenever England play. If the selectors really go wild and start playing two spinners in Tests then Middlesex will be struggling. Quietly, they have been preparing. Tim Lamb, the secretary, thinks he has signed the two best schoolboy batsmen of 1984: Neil Maclaurin from Hertfordshire and Michael Roseberry from County Durham, who made two centuries on successive days in schoolboy matches at Lords last summer and, having chosen Middlesex ahead of five other counties, will be on the staff after his A-levels. There are two young slow men as well: *Philip Tufnell* and Jamie Sykes. And if they don't measure up, young Titmus, at 52, might just have to be wheeled out again. Where will that leave Middlesex? Not so high in the Championship, perhaps, but it will take a very good team or a very bad day to stop them winning one of the cups.
Name to watch: Andy Miller, 21, left-hand bat, this year Oxford captain who may well be doing an important job for Middlesex after term finishes.

LEICS

Form: 10, 8, 2, 4, 4.
Captain: David Gower.
Overseas player: George Ferris.

IN PROFIT for each of the last 16 years in the top 10 of the Championship for the last [illegible], Leicestershire have been *wonderfully consistent* in everything — even their weekday attendances, which are consistent but not wonderful. Last year, they came fourth even though Ferris and Les Taylor, who were supposed to be the two main strike bowlers, spent the summer injured. This year, with both fit, Agnew and Parsons to back them up, and Cook surely due to have a better summer, anything is possible, including the *Championship* and they are this page's sporting selection to do just that, short-heading Essex and Sussex. Of course, they will not have the consistent leadership that those two get. Gower will have other preoccupations, as ever, and it is even possible that he will take his deputy Willey to the Tests as well. If that happens, Balderstone, at 44, or Briers might have to take charge. They will still have plenty of talent at their disposal, though the immediate bad news is that Tim Boon has broken his thigh just when he was threatening to be more than promising and will miss six weeks. I think Leicestershire *have the depth to cope with* that and a normal ration of ill-luck.
Name to watch: James Whitaker, 22, a Yorkshire-born bat of great potential.

KENT

Form: 16, 9, 13, 7, 5.
Captain: Chris Cowdrey.
Overseas player: Eldine Baptiste.

THE UNJUST sacking of Tavare led to a fraught winter, but Kent approach summer not merely hoping but almost expecting to win something after seven years of rebuilding and near misses. Tavare, saddened but now settled, has signed on for another four years; *Knott for* at least one more; Dilley, after 15 months of injury, is making progress and hopes to start the season; Baptiste slips back again in place of Alderman. Cowdrey has enough ammunition all right. The major problem is county cricket's old Catch-22; if Dilley really is back to his best then England will snaffle him. That suggests Kent may be more of a Cup team again than serious title contenders just yet. But even if the new regime does not achieve immediate success, Kent are sure to be one of the teams of the late 80s. Their strength is all their own too: nine of the likely first team were born there and even one of the odd men out, the potentially brilliant left-hand bat Benson, was educated locally.
Name to watch: Chris Penn, 21-year-old allrounder, has reportedly made great progress in South Afrca this winter and may be on the brink of a breakthrough.

SUSSEX

Form: 4, 2, 8, 11, 6.
Captain: John Barclay.
Overseas players: Garth Le Roux and Imran Khan (both can play).

DESPITE all their traditions, Sussex, like Somerset and Northamptonshire, have never been champions. This year, though; there is a buzz about the place as there was when they went desperately close in 1981. Imran is back again, ready to play in half the three-dayers and all the one-dayers; Pigott, who played only twice last year, is said to be 80 per cent fit and hoping for a restart around mid-May. Even last summer, without these two, all seven regular bowlers were in the top 75 of the averages and the least successful of these, Ian Greig, is said to be bowling with extra pre-season zip, while Le Roux has lost a stone in weight. The batting is uncommonly long and pretty strong: Colin Wells almost toured, Parker should have done. *The fielding*, led by Parker, is often excellent. Stuart Storey, the coach, says he expects Sussex to be in the first three and it is impossible to disagree. Only the doubts that remain about Imran's fitness and the team's *habit of* playing in spasms make one hold back on tipping them as champions. But they are going to be one heck of a side, with hopes of quicker Hove pitches this summer, fun to watch too.
Name to watch: Neil Lenham, 19, son of Les, a prolific schoolboy bat who showed great composure against the Sri Lankans last year.

SOMERSET

Form: 5, 3, 6, 10, 7.
Captain: Ian Botham.
Overseas players: Viv Richards, Joel Garner and Martin Crowe (Crowe can only play if the other two do not).

WELL, we can take it that Somerset will not be boring, but will they win anything? We assume, perhaps too glibly, that they will never be champions, and are more likely to win one of the shinier trophies. Actually, Botham would dearly love a Championship, and he almost has enough workaday players on the staff to make it feasible. Had winter talk of signing Jesty or Tavare come *to anything, they might just* have had enough depth to do it. But they will probably need a spectacular start to engage the West Indians Stars' enthusiasm for the long grind, and once again Somerset may be more formidable contenders in the one-dayers. Early bad news is a broken finger for the promising opener Felton. With Botham likely to be elsewhere, the attack will rest heavily on Garner and Marks. But a key figure could be the left-armer Mark Davis, who took 68 wickets last year *despite missing a month*. If he keeps that up, Somerset will be harder to beat on the small days as well as the big ones.
Name to watch: Richard Ollis, 24, who may just be ready to turn ability into first-team runs at last.

SURREY

Form: 2, 6, 5, 8, 8.
Captain: Geoff Howarth.
Overseas players: Howarth and Sylvester Clarke (both can play).

SURREY have perhaps the fastest new-ball attack in the land in Clarke and David Thomas, and perhaps the fastest pitch to play on. But the years go by and the team never quite deliver as much as they threaten. The problems start with the fast bowling: Clarke, the man batsmen have nightmares about, often concentrates on bowling short rather than well and Thomas has still not become consistent. There has been bad luck with the back-up men as well. Mark Feltham, a source of high hopes, has broken his leg and forearm in an accident and will be out until July, and last week injury forced Kevin Mackintosh to retire. Oh, for another Jackman. The batting has lost Knight to schoolteaching and gained Jesty from Hampshire, which *may be a marginal* improvement. There has always been plenty of class, but a desperate need for an 1,800-runs-a-year man who will do the job more often than not. Howarth himself only averaged 24 last year and until he finds his old batting form and the attention to detail he shows when captaining New Zealand, it is hard to see Surrey challenging the top teams again. Howarth will not even be around until mid-May; Pocock takes command in the meantime.
Name to watch: Alec Stewart, 22, son of the manager but a batsman who has progressed on achievement rather than *nepotism*.

WARWICKSHIRE

Form: 14, 17, 17, 5, 9.
Captain: Norman Gifford.
Overseas players: Alvin Kallicharran and Anton Ferreira (both can play).

THIS young Gifford chappie takes over the captaincy from Willis at the age of 44 and the manager, David Brown, says he does not regard it as an interim appointment. Willis will be missed mostly for his ability to raise his game to England standards on the big one-day occasions. In the daily grind, Warwickshire may benefit from the new continuity. They are certainly not a weak side and could be a really strong one if last year's big run-getters can keep going and Andy Lloyd can prove he has really recovered from his awful injury. Lloyd's latest form in practice has given Brown increased hope on that count. Warwickshire's ability to transform runs into wins depends on whether the fast bowlers can (a) keep fit for once and (b) find the heart to keep going on the sometimes maddeningly bland Edgbaston pitches. It is an especially important year for Gladstone Small, now the No. 1 quick, who has been whistling it round his team-mates' ears in practice. He may eventually get support from Tom Stancombe, 19, a product of the Dexter-promoted fast bowling competition. He reminds Brown a little of Graham Dilley.

Name to watch: Paul Smith, 21, a fine if wayward all-rounder who sometimes bowled genuinely fast in 1984 even though he was only about fifth-change. This year he may get the new ball.

WORCS

Form: 11, 11, 14, 16, 10.
Captain: Phil Neale.
Overseas players: Kapil Dev, Ricardo Ellcock and Graeme Hick (one can play).

THE GREAT Clear-out of the early '80s rumbled on even this winter: Moores, McEvoy and Warner have all gone; the five newcomers include Neal Radford, the Zambian-born all-rounder surprisingly released by Lancashire who *is said to have been one of* the most improved players in South Africa this past season. But the policy will be to carry on last year's good work when a young, raw team edged away from the bottom and gave promise of good things to come without ever quite making the most of enough winning positions to make a serious run at a trophy. Kapil, a flibberti-gibbet in county cricket so far, is expected to give the county his full attention, ho ho. If he really does, and the former Surrey man David Smith reveals his full potential, Worcestershire will have a really beefy middle order. They have two fine young spinners as well. Like British Rail, they are getting there. But one suspects there may have to be further engineering works to improve the fast bowling before they finally arrive.

Name to watch: Steve Rhodes, 20, former Yorkshire reserve wicket-keeper who will be challenging hard for a regular first-team place.

NORTHANTS

Form: 12, 15, 9, 6, 11.
Captain: Geoff Cook.
Overseas players: Roger Harper and Ray Joseph (one can play).

*AFTER 27 years as secretary-*cum-Ayatollah, Ken Turner has gone, leaving the club in infinitely better shape than when he started but in no state to win their first Championship at once. His successor, Steve Coverdale (at 30, three years younger than the captain), takes over a club with a classic case of the current English disease: heaps of good batsmen, even young batsmen (including the great white hope Bailey) but a desperate shortage of class bowlers. They have lost last year's top wicket-taker, David Steele, who has now retired and wafted up to the committee room, and given up the unequal struggle to import a top-line fast bowler. After disappointments with Kapil Dev, Carse and Hanley, Northampton have signed the West Indian off-spinner Harper to add strength to the bowling, batting and fielding plus Joseph, a cheerful, raw, *young quick* from Guyana, who is only likely to play when Harper is unavailable or the pitch is really green. Otherwise, there is no real pace and no left-arm spin. Trophies? No one expects them for a year or so but if even one of the young bowlers — the ever-promising Mallender, perhaps — can leap forward, Northamptonshire might soon be a team of consequence again.

Name to watch: Alan Walker, 22, an ex-miner and fast-medium bowler who has impressed good judges but been hampered by injury and inexperience.

DERBYSHIRE

Form: 9, 12, 11, 9, 12.
Captain: Kim Barnett.
Overseas players: Michael Holding, John Wright (one can play).

FOR ONCE, Derbyshire approach summer with no money worries, no open rows and an air of optimism, based largely on the thought that, in a championship of weak attacks, theirs might pack more punch than most. A lot *depends on the form, fitness* and enthusiasm of Holding, available almost all season for the first time. But if Holding fires and both the Dane Mortensen (injured last year) and the enigmatic Newman play to their potential then Derbyshire — don't forget the left-armer Finney and two good spinners — might just be one of the season's most surprising teams. Don't expect miracles. The batting is very raw. Wright cannot play when Holding does, and there is no Bob Taylor to steady everyone's nerves. But Barnett has flair, both as captain and batsman. He is also giving his leg-spin another try. If that comes off, he may well be propelled on to a larger stage.

Name to watch: John Morris, 21, a highly assured middle-order batsman who made almost 1,000 runs last year. *He has recovered from a knee* operation and now has the opportunity as well as the potential to do even better.

GLAMORGAN

Form; 13, 14, 16, 15, 13
Captain: Rodney Ontong
Overseas player: Javed Miandad

OH, DEAR. Glamorgan have not been out of the bottom five for the past nine seasons, and Ontong, made caretaker captain when Selvey quit last July, will do well just to break that sequence in his first full year. They settled the dispute about which foreigner to keep in an unfashionable manner, by sacking the fast bowler Davis and keeping the batsman Javed. Part of the theory is that Welsh wickets these days break fast bowlers' hearts anyway. Yet they have signed two lesser quicks, Les McFarlane and Steve Malone, *who did not quite make the* grade with Lancashire and Hampshire respectively. There will be days when Javed, Younis and the vastly-improved Alan Lewis Jones make heaps of runs. But there will be grim days too. Ontong, who has put plenty of emphasis on pre-season PT, and the new chairman of cricket, David Lewis, may be content with a bit of stability and signs of individual and collective improvement. Supporters will just have to be patient.

Name to watch: Greg Thomas, 24, gangling Welsh-speaking fast bowler sometimes talked of as Britain's fastest white man. If he can add direction and consistency to raw speed, Glamorgan might just have a match-winner.

YORKSHIRE

Form: 6, 10, 10, 17, 14.
Captain: David Bairstow.

LATEST news from the war front is almost wholly gruesome: it is getting like Lebanon without the felafel. Boycott has now apparently gained even wider control; the new selection panel comprises Boycott, Bairstow and a Boycott ally, Tony Vann. Not that there is a vast amount to select from anyway. Last year, Sidebottom was the only bowler averaging under 33 and the only real hope for improvement comes from two *very young men: Paul Booth*, the slow left-armer, and Stuart Fletcher at fast-medium. There are some fine batsmen in the team of course, led by Moxon and Himself. But all the counties have fine batsmen and Yorkshire have to find a way of bowling them out. Bairstow remains hopeful and enthusiastic and speaks well of Boycott. But bad luck has started already: Neil Hartley is having a back op and will *be out until June*. The very best of British.

Name to watch: Philip Robinson, 21, a rather rustic batsman, fresh out of a job in a ladies' underwear factory on to the staff having scored *more runs in his* first 10 innings for Yorkshire than any of the great names.

HAMPSHIRE

Form: 17, 7, 3, 3, 15.
Captain: Mark Nicholas.
Overseas players: Gordon Greenidge, Malcom Marshall (both can play).

THE subject of considerable ante-post hype, due to the return of the two West Indian stars, the transmogrification of Robin Smith, Chris's much-praised younger brother, into an Englishman and the statistic that their two previous Championships were in 1961 and 1973, so 1985 would be in sequence. The new captain Nicholas led the recent county players' tour of Zimbabwe with plenty of traditional Hampshire dash. Now he wants to damp down some of the more fevered speculation, and rightly so. They are far more likely to be back in the top three than in the bottom three again — the batting is almost outrageously strong, even without the piqued and departed Jesty. In the early weeks two England men, Chris Smith and Terry, will open but one will then have to drop down to accommodate Greenidge; young Robin is not even sure of a place. The attack has the great Marshall and the wonderfully effective Tremlett. But there is a shortage of high-class spin, and that might just cost them any chance of the Championship.

Name to watch: Jon Hardy, 24, tall elegant left-hander who may well make an impression, if he can get in the team.

LANCASHIRE

Form: 15, 16, 12, 12, 16.
Captain: John Abrahams.
Overseas players: Clive Lloyd, Steve Jefferies (one can play)
Benson and Hedges Cup holders.

LANCASHIRE have come back from their week practising in the Spanish sun to face the reality of summer in Manchester. On last year's evidence, their cricket may be just as confusing. Their Championship form has been soggy for years: they were last out of the bottom six in 1975, a Glamorganesque run, and last year they lost eight of the last 11 games after Allott vanished to England and then the injured list. Yet, helped by youthful exuberance in the field, they are once again a brilliant one-day team. The Cup win was not a fluke, and they could well be strong Sunday League contenders this year. To do better in the day-to-day stuff they will need major contributions from one of the main fast bowlers: Allott (the club are hopeful rather than certain about his recovery from the Indian injury) and Jefferies, the so-far disappointing South African who will alternate in the team with the ageing grand master Lloyd.

Name to watch: Balfour Patterson, 23, a Jamaican fast bowler discovered by Lloyd who created some mayhem last summer in the Saddleworth League.

GLOUCS

Form: 7, 13, 15, 12, 17.
Captain: David Graveney.
Overseas player: Courtenay Walsh.

THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE establishment saw off a group of rebel members during the winter and easier economic times have enabled the club to increase their playing *staff* again. They welcome the West Indian fast bowler Walsh, Ian Payne from Surrey, Jeremy Lloyds from Somerset, Richard Ellis from Middlesex and two Zimbabweans Kevin Curran, (an all-rounder with an Irish passport that makes him eligible and just a hint of the Procters). The key figure in all this is the officially Anglicised ex-Leicestershire man Brian Davison. Captain Graveney says it's been like a *busy station. But only* Davison and Walsh can be expected to make a major contribution to helping Gloucesteshire off the bottom. And even Davison, competitive soul that he is, can hardly do more than score the runs Zaheer might have got in the old days. They are just back from a successful tour of Barbados when everyone got to know each other and won six games out of seven. They should improve, but perhaps not by much.

Name to watch: Jack Russell, 21, a wicketkeeper who certainly has the gift and is gradually acquiring the craft and the stamina to go with it.

LEADING FIGURES AND ONES TO WATCH . . . Top (from left) the new captains: Kent's Chris Cowdrey, Warwickshire's Norman Gifford, Glamorgan's Rodney Ontong, and Hampshire's Mark Nicholas. Below: Phil Robinson of Yorkshire, Chris Penn of Kent, Warwickshire's Paul Smith, and Sussex's Neil Lenham.
Montage by David Turner

Top performers last year

BATTING
(Qualification: 8 innings)

	M	I	NO	HS	R	Ave	100
M. W. Gatting	23	43	10	258	2257	68.39	8
P. W. Bowling	5	9	3	80	336	57.70	—
G. A. Gooch	28	45	7	227	2558	67.34	8
David Moorhouse	8	15	2	212*	932	64.00	2
G. Boycott	20	35	10	189*	1207	48.08	2
I. G. Wright	12	21	1	177	1201	60.05	2
R. L. Ayles	28	50	10	122	2239	55.97	6
M. D. Crowe	25	41	6	180	1970	53.42	5
V. J. Marks	24	34	10	134	1262	52.58	3
A. I. Kallicharran	28	50	6	200*	2301	52.29	9
R. J. Hadlee	24	31	6	210*	1179	51.26	2
B. N. Robinson	27	47	7	171	2032	50.80	5
P. Johnson	18	14	1	133	847	48.76	2
T. A. Lloyd	8	14	2	110	580	48.16	2
G. E. B. Giles	24	38	7	182*	1552	48.50	3
G. W. Humpage	28	47	8	208	1861	48.05	5
V. P. Terry	16	28	3	176*	1208	48.32	5
B. A. Stalle	7	12	3	132	483	48.30	1
P. A. Neale	23	42	8	143	1703	47.30	2
P. M. Roebuck	24	37	1	189	1703	47.27	7
P. W. E. Parker	28	40	4	181	1652	47.05	6
R. S. McEwan	27	44	8	142*	1765	48.18	4
K. J. Barnett	24	41	3	144	1734	45.63	6
S. S. Daniel	23	40	5	169*	1549	44.25	1
Younis Ahmed	21	35	4	189*	1360	44.10	2

BOWLING
(Qualification: 10 wickets in 10 innings)

	O	M	R	W	Av	Best	5w
R. J. Hadlee	772.2	245	1845	117	14.06	7-35	6
P. J. W. Allott	604.5	171	1486	79	18.82	7-72	6
B. L. Underwood	678.4	250	1511	77	19.62	8-57	2
T. M. Tremlett	698.5	209	1444	71	20.33	5-48	2
A. Sidebottom	499.1	105	1282	63	20.30	6-41	3
S. J. Cook	604.2	154	1847	78	21.11	8-57	2
S. T. Clarke	651.1	185	1687	78	21.62	6-82	2
N. G. Cowans	483.1	76	1963	73	21.82	6-84	2
J. K. Lever	674.3	185	2520	116	21.88	9-37	8
N. G. Dilley	109	24	284	12	22.00	3-48	—
P. M. Such	380.5	122	937	42	22.30	5-34	2
S. A. Marsh	321.1	75	850	38	22.36	4-34	—
R. M. Ellison	535.5	142	1323	59	22.42	5-27	1
M. J. Weston	123.4	29	315	14	22.50	4-44	—
T. M. Alderman	658.4	145	1725	76	22.69	5-25	6
R. M. E. Roberts	205	70	700	33	23.30	7-74	3
Kapil Dev	266.3	79	619	35	22.40	5-30	2
E. E. Hemmings	707.5	234	2229	94	23.61	7-47	7
G. M. Wells	487.2	148	1380	58	23.86	5-29	2
M. D. Marsh	300.4	108	1380	58	23.77	7-55	4
S. A. Parker	887.1	148	2889	87	24.11	6-78	4
R. M. Ellcock	227.2	32	714	29	24.62	4-34	—
C. S. S. Jarvis	370.5	128	1780	72	24.83	5-30	2
A. H. Jones	208.1	44	636	25	25.44	5-29	1
C. E. Waller	610.3	221	1340	53	25.45	6-75	1

A guide to the season's prizes

Cornhill Insurance Test matches

SIX five-day Test matches between England and Australia. Hours of play 11 am to 6 pm or until a minimum of 90 overs have been bowled. Extra hour available on the first four days if an hour or more is lost to bad weather. £5,000 to the winners of each Test; £500 to the man of each match; £1,000 to the man of the series.
FIRST TEST (Headingley) June 13. SECOND TEST (Lord's) June 27. THIRD TEST (Trent Bridge) July 11. FOURTH TEST (Old Trafford) August 1. FIFTH TEST (Edgbaston) August 15. SIXTH TEST (The Oval) August 29.

Texaco Trophy

THREE 55-overs a side one-day internationals between England and Australia. Hours of play 10.45 to 7.15 with spare day in case of bad weather. £3,250 to the winners of each match; £350 to the man of each match; £500 to men of the series, one from each team.
FIRST MATCH (Old Trafford) May 30. SECOND MATCH (Edgbaston) June 1. THIRD MATCH (Lord's) June 3.

Tourist matches

THE Australians are scheduled to play four-day matches against eight countries, three-day matches against five and one-day matches against two. In the first-class games a minimum of 100 overs will apply except on the final day, when different minima will apply.

Britannic County Championship

THREE-DAY matches between the 17 first-class counties, each team playing 24. Hours of play 11 to 6.30 or *until a minimum of* 112 overs have been bowled (down from last year's 117) except on the last day, when the minimum is 105.
OVER-RATE FINES: Teams will be fined £2,000 for dropping below an average of 18.5 overs per hour each half-season and an extra £1,000 for each 0.5 of an over hour below that (so if a county bowls under 16 overs per hour in their first 12 matches, they will be fined £7,000).
POINTS: System as last year. Sixteen points for a win and bonus points available as follows: one batting point for reaching 150, 200, 250 and 300 in the first 100 overs of the first innings; one bowling *point for taking three, five*, seven, nine wickets in the first 100 overs of the first innings. Maximum of eight per match. £20,000 to the champions.

Championship Table 1984

	P	W	L	D	T	NR	Bt	Pts
Essex (1)	24	13	3	8	0	64	63	355
Notts (14)	24	12	3	9	0	68	81	341
Middx (2)	24	8	7	8	0	63	78	269
Leics (4)	24	8	2	14	0	60	78	266
Kent (7)	24	8	3	11	2	45	65	254
Sussex (11)	24	7	6	10	1	54	78	249
Somerset (10)	24	6	7	11	0	60	78	234
Surrey (8)	24	6	6	12	0	62	72	230
Warwicks (5)	24	6	7	11	0	71	60	227
Worcs (16)	24	5	5	14	0	68	74	220
Derby (9)	24	4	5	14	0	72	66	202
Northants (6)	24	5	9	9	1	58	58	202
Glamorgan (15)	24	4	2	18	0	65	71	200
Yorks (17)	24	5	4	15	0	59	55	194
Hants (3)	24	3	13	8	0	58	62	188
Lancs (13)	24	1	8	14	0	48	72	137
Gloucs (12)	24	1	10	13	0	58	51	133

1983 positions in brackets

Sussex total includes 12 points for a win in a match reduced to one innings.

NatWest Trophy

ONE-DAY knock-out competition between the first class counties, the 13 leading minor counties, Scotland and Ireland. Opening round seeded. 60 overs per side. Normal *hours of play 10 30-7 10.*

John Player Special League

ONE-DAY competition between the first-class counties *playing each other once* on Sundays. 40 overs per side. Hours of play this year brought forward: 1.30 to 6.30. Over-rate fines will apply, as in the other one-day events. £17,000 to the champions.
First matches: May 5. Final matches: September 15.

John Player Table 1984

	P	W	L	T	NR	PT
Essex (5)	16	12	3	1	0	50
Notts (15)	16	10	5	0	1	42
Sussex (4)	16	9	4	0	3	42
Lancashire (8)	16	10	6	0	0	40
Middlesex (6)	16	9	5	1	1	40
Worcs (11)	16	0	5	0	2	40
Warwicks (9)	16	7	6	0	3	34
Surrey (11)	16	7	7	0	2	32
Hampshire (6)	16	7	0	0	0	28
Glamorgan (1)	16	6	6	0	2	28
Kent (3)	16	6	8	0	2	28
Northants (13)	16	6	9	0	1	26
Gloucs (14)	16	5	9	0	2	24
Leics (11)	16	4	8	0	4	24
Somerset (2)	16	5	9	0	2	24
Yorkshire (1)	16	6	10	0	0	24
Derbyshire (8)	16	4	11	0	1	18

Benson and Hedges cup

ONE-DAY competition between the first-class counties, Minor Counties XI, Oxford and Cambridge combined and Scotland. 55 overs per side. Teams divided into four groups with top two going into quarter-finals. Hours of play 11-7. £17,000 to the winners.
Zonal games: May 4, 11, 14, 16, 18. Quarter-finals: June 5. Semi-finals: June 19. Final *(Lord's): July 20.*

BBC-1

6 0 am Ceefax AM. 6 50 Breakfast Time. 9 20 Pages from Ceefax. 10 30 Play School. 10 50 Gharbar. 11 15 Pages from Ceefax. 12 30 pm News after Noon. 12 57 Regional News. 1 0 Pebble Mill at One. 1 45 Mr Benn. 2 0 Pages from Ceefax. 3 53 Regional News (except London and Scotland). 3 55 Lay on Five. 4 10 The Wombles. 4 15 The Biskits. 4 35 Take Two. 5 0 John Craven's Newsround. 5 10 Duncan Dares. 5 35 Gloria.

Peter Duncan in Duncan Dares

6 0 NEWS. Weather News.

6 35 REGIONAL NEWS MAGAZINES.

7 0 WOGAN.

7 40 MONKEY BUSINESS. Last in the series of the animal, vegetable quiz with Henry Kelly as the wildlife inquisitor and Floella Benjamin and Jeremy Cherfas leading the teams.

8 10 DALLAS. Sins of the Fathers. Can Pam trust anyone any more without smudging her lip gloss? Will Baw-bee rescue Jenna from the Naldo murder mystery? Will Sue Ellen's bottom lip stop quivering long enough for her to discover JR's weakness? Will they ever finish a meal at Southfork? Ceefax sub-titles.

9 0 NEWS. Weather News.

9 25 Q.E.D. Operation Otter. That ring of bright water is getting a bit murky for Tarka and friends nationwide. Nerys Hughes outlines the Noah's Ark style operation to save the endangered creatures. Furry and clever they may be, but they're not the fisherman's friends. The preservation operation involved releasing otters born in captivity out in to the wild, then struggling to keep them safe in the hope they would go forth and multiply. But there were problems . . .

9 55 SPORTSNIGHT. Harry Carpenter introduces — surprise, surprise — the semi-finals of the Embassy World Professional Snooker Championships. Also Countdown to Mexico. With England's World Cup qualifier in Romania looming John Motson assesses the squad's chances. Pat Murphy also examines the prospects of cricket's prodigal son, Graham Gooch, returning to the Test arena after his three years' ban following the rebel South African tour.

12 10 Weather.

12 15 Close.

Wales: 5 35-6 0 Wales Today. 6 35-7 0 Sportfolio.

Scotland: 7 40-8 10 pm Isobel.

Northern Ireland: 5 35 am Today's Sport. 5 40-6 Inside Ulster. 6 35-7 0 Grange Hill.

BBC-2

6 30-7 20 am Open University. 9 0 Pages from Ceefax. 2 15 pm World Snooker. First semi-final of world championships from Sheffield.

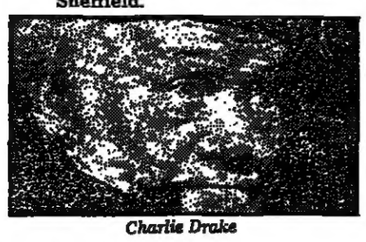
5 25 NEWS with subtitles. Weather.

5 30 THE WEDNESDAY WESTERN: CARSON CITY. Randolph Scott and Raymond Massey star in this 1952 yarn about a railroad builder and a gold robber. Distinguished only as the first film made in fabulous WarnerColor.

6 55 WORLD SNOOKER. Yet more of the Embassy championships from Sheffield, perhaps to whet your appetite for the Sportsnight marathon over on BBC-1.

7 40 EBONY. Juliet Alexander and Vince Herbert report on the official enquiry being held into the death of Michael Martin while detained in Broadmoor. The inquiry is expected to raise questions about treatment of black people in mental hospitals. Also a Roots saga as Liverpool teacher Ray Costello traces his ancestry to Bermuda where his great-great-grandmother was born a slave.

8 10 WORLD SNOOKER. Just for a change. The second semi-final begins with eight frames of the 31-frame match. David Vine relays the action from the Crucible, Sheffield.



Charlie Drake

9 0 BLEAK HOUSE. 3. Continuing the splendid dramatisation of Dickens's novel by Arthur Hopcraft with Diana Rigg and Denholm Elliot as Lady Dedlock and John Jarndyce with The Growlery, Chancery and all. Tonight Lady D instructs Tulkinghorn to cease inquiries about the dead law-writer and Miss Flite collapses after a court hearing.

9 55 OPEN SPACE. Ungentlemanly Conduct? Down in the scrum with the Magor Ladies Rugby Team. The idea of a woman trying to do a J. P. R. Williams or even a Gareth Edwards is heresy to most Welshmen, but the Gwent girls are doing their best to convert the no-good boyos.

10 25 NEWSNIGHT. 11 20 Weatherview. 11 25 Interval.

11 30 OPEN UNIVERSITY.

12 25 Close.

ITV London

6 15 am Good Morning Britain. 9 25 News Headlines; Schools: 9 30 Gather Round; 9 47 Finding Out; 10 4 Living and Growing; 10 21 The English Programme; 10 48 The Land; 11 10 Stop, Look, Listen; 11 22 Picture Box; 11 40 History Around You. 11 55 Rub a Dub Dub. 12 0 Button Moon. 12 10 pm Our Backyard. 12 30 Raw Energy. 1 0 pm News. 1 20 Thames News. 1 30 A Country Practice. 2 30 On the Market. 3 0 Gems. 3 25 News Headlines. 3 30 Sons and Daughters. 4 0 Button Moon. 4 15 Batfink. 4 20 Fraggle Rock. 4 50 Razzmatazz. 5 15 Blockbusters.

5 45 NEWS. Weather.

6 0 THAMES NEWS.

6 25 HELP! with Viv Taylor Gee.

6 35 CROSSROADS.

7 0 ARTHUR C. CLARKE'S WORLD OF STRANGE POWERS. Stigmata — The Wounds of Christ? The veteran sci-fi author examines the phenomenon which afflicts, or blesses, many people from St Francis of Assisi to a young mother from New Mexico — the marks of the wounds of Christ's passion. At Easter blood is supposed to appear on stigmatics from nail wounds on their hands to thorn wounds on their foreheads. Some even claim a gash appears in their sides, similar to the spear-thrust suffered by Jesus. Clarke asks are the wounds a miracle or an earthly medical mystery? Anna Ford narrates. Oracle subtitles.

7 30 CORONATION STREET. Ivy tries to get Brian and Gail to kiss and make up. Oracle subtitles.

8 0 THIS IS YOUR LIFE. Eamonn Andrews pounces on the unsuspecting with his big, red book.

8 30 THE MORECAMBE AND WISE SHOW. Another chance to see the late Eric in a comedy classic.

9 0 WIDOWS 4. Crime isn't paying for the little ladies in the gutsy Thames thriller. Linda has been killed and in spite of their attempt to pay Harry off he still wants all the loot. With Ann Mitchell as the matriarchal Dolly, Fiona Hendley as tough beauty queen Shirley and Debby Bishop as the new Bella. Oracle subtitles.

10 0 NEWS AT TEN. Weather. Thames News Headlines.

10 30 MIDWEEK SPORTS SPECIAL. Brian Moore introduces highlights from European Cup matches. Will Liverpool get to the final or will rivals Everton win through? Also Jimmy Price and Errol Graham fight for the British Middleweight crown with Reg Gutteridge and Jim Watt at the ringside.

12 0 SUPERSTAR PROFILE. John Houston talks about his career.

12 25 NIGHT THOUGHTS with Jan Simmonds. Close.

Channel 4

2 30 pm Racing from Epsom. 4 30 Isaura the Slave Girl; Fantastico.

5 30 FARMING ON FOUR. Barry Wilson pulls on his green wellies and goes to West Wales.

6 0 EVER THOUGHT OF SPORT? Diving. If you can't get a job, get fit.

6 30 THE MAKING OF A CLIMBING SERIES — LAKELAND ROCK. As a preview to the said new series Chris Bonington scales the heights of Sca Fell in the Lake District with a Border TV crew panting at his side to illustrate the difficulties of filming such perilous programmes.

7 0 CHANNEL FOUR NEWS. 7 50 Comment by a Liberal MP.

8 0 HOW WARS END. 3. The First World War: Armistice. Historian A. J. P. Taylor examines the confusion of political events contributing to the tragedy of the Great War.

8 30 DIVERSE REPORTS: Changes planned in way City of London operates; Christopher Hird doubts the so-called securities revolution will be good for the savers and industry of Britain.

9 0 DANCE ON FOUR. Natalie Makarova: In A Class Of Her Own. The Prima Ballerina with the showbiz style who defected from the Kirov works out in class the Russian way. She explains the stylistic differences of the classical roles from Aurora to Giselle then switches to the hot stuff.

10 0 LOU GRANT. Cophouse. Re-run of the hold-the-front-page series.

11 0 VISIONS. British Film's Last Year. The plight of British cinema comes under scrutiny. Alan Drury's video farce swipes at government film policy with Geoffrey Keen playing a succession of ministers from Norman Tebbit to Sally Oppenheim, ignoring the briefs of their civil servants to concentrate on more meaningful things like supermarkets.

11 55 BOOK FOUR. Hermione Lee gives bookworms a feast on the latest publications with Peter Ackroyd, Adam Mars-Jones and Jill Neville.

12 25 CLOSE.

S4C: 1 0 pm Isaura the Slave Girl; Fantastico. 2 0 Ffalabalam. 2 15 Egwyl. 2 30 Racing from Epsom. 4 30 Egwyl. 4 40 Ffalabalam. 4 55 Hanner awr Fawr. 5 30 Danger Man. 6 0 Brookside. 6 30 Bwyta'n Dda. 6 50 Dafganfod y Byd. 7 0 Newyddion Saith. 7 30 Gorenon Hywel Gwynfryn. 8 0 Mentro! Mentro! 8 30 Y Byd ar Bedwar. 9 0 Snwcer. 9 45 Film: The Other Woman (1983). With Anne Meara, Hal Linden, Madolyn Smith. 11 30 Diverse Reports. 12 0 Black on Black. 1 0 Diwedd.

Radio 1

6 0 am Adrian John. 7 0 Mike Read. 9 0 Simon Bates. 12 0 Gary Davies. 2 30 pm Steve Wright. 5 0 Bruno Brookes. 7 30 Janice Long. 10 0-12 0 John Peel.

Radio 2

4 0 am Howard Pearce. 6 0 Bill Rennells. 8 5 Ken Bruce. 10 30 Jimmy Young. 1 5 pm David Jacobs. 2 0 Gloria Hunniford. 3 30 Music all the Way. 4 0 David Hamilton. 6 0 John Dunn. 8 0-9 30 (medium wave) European Soccer Special: Panathinaikos v. Liverpool; Everton v. Bayern Munich. 8 0 (VHF) String Sound. 8 30 (VHF) Syd Lawrence. 9 16 (VHF) Listen to the Band (medium wave also from 9 30). 10 0 The Cambridge Buskers. 10 15 Tom Mennard Tells Local Tales. 10 30 Hubert Gregg. 11 0 Brian Matthew. 1 0 am Charles Nove. 3 0 Niall Murray Sings. 3 30-4 0 Non-Stop Stutz.

Radio 3

6 55 Weather.

7 0 News; Your Midweek Choice.

9 0 News; This Week's Composers: English Madrigalists Gibbons Consorte of Musicke / Anthony Rooley, Christopher Hogwood (virginals).

9 45 Medea. Simon Mayre: Overture *Medea in Corinto* (Clarion Concerts Orch / Newell Jenkins); Barber: Ballet Suite, Medea (Eastman Rochester Orch / Hanson).

10 20 Clarinet and Piano (Colin Bradbury and Oliver Davies). Felix Draeseke: Sonata Op. 38; Loewe: Schottische Bilder.

11 0 BBC Welsh SO/Gaetano Delogu. Maidie Gough (sop), Peter Hall (ten). Haydn: Symphony No. 83; John Tavener: 18 Haiku; Schumann: Symphony No. 4.

12 15 Concert Hall: Brodsky Quartet. Mendelssohn: Fugue; Quartet in E *minor*.

1 0 News; Bill Evans, American jazz pianist.

1 30 Matinee Musicale: Langham CO/ Nicholas Braithwaite. Rossini: Silken Ladder Overture; Moeran: Toccata; Mozart: Six Kontertanze; Finzi: Eclogue, Honegger: Pastorale d'ete; Liszt: Au bord d'une source; Arnold: Sinfonietta No. 1.

2 25 Bax Violin Sonata No. 3. Dennis Simons / Keith Swallow.

2 50 Pizzetti and Respighi. Pizzetti: La Pisanella (Suisse Roande/ Gardelli); Respighi: Overture *Belfagor (LSO/Gardelli)*; Pizzetti: Canti della stagione alta (Maris Borini, piano, Bavarian RSO/ Albert).

4 0 Choral Evensong from King's College, Cambridge.

4 55 News; Mainly for Pleasure.

6 30 Choral Voices: SNO Junior Chorus, The Waverley Singers. Lutoslawski: Three children's songs; Faure: Messe Basse; Four Finnish folk songs arr Paavo Kiiski-Erkki/Pohjola; Stravinsky: Four Russian peasant songs; Lutoslawski: Mr Tralalinsky.

7 0 International Young Artists: Aurell Blaszczok (violin), Vlastimil Mares (clarinet), Csaba Vegvari (piano). Bacewicz: Violin Sonata; Poulenc: Sonata for clarinet and piano; Bacewicz: Polish Caprice.

7 30 Opium Eater by Andrew Dallmeyer, with Neil Cunningham as Thomas de Quincey.

8 30 Northern Sinfonia/Steuart Bedford. Mozart: Symphony No 17; Mendelssohn: Scherzo, Capriccio and Fugue; Honegger: Concerto da camera; Haydn: *Symphony No. 78.*

9 40 Six Continents.

10 0 Moha Lisa. Two act opera by Max von Schillings. Sung in German with Baden State Opera, cond. Christoph Pick.

11 57 News.

Radio 4

6 0 News Briefing.

6 10 Farming Today.

6 25 Prayer for the Day.

6 30 Today including 7 0, 8 0 News; 8 35 Yesterday in Parliament.

9 0 News; Midweek: Libby Purves.

10 0 News; Gardeners' Question Time

10 30 Morning Story: Isabella's Eyes by Marge Blaine.

10 45 Daily Service.

11 0 News; Three Hundred Years a Soldier. Story of "Our Royal Regiment of Fusilleers."

11 48 English Now. Can you improve your status by improving your English?

12 0 News; You and Yours.

12 27 The Meisterspringer. Thriller serial by Berkely Mather (1).

1 0 The World at One: News.

1 40 The Archers.

2 0 News; Woman's Hour. With guest novelist Margaret Drabble.

3 0 News; Afternoon Play: Relics by Anna Fox. Two elderly people wait for an interview — for a job they know nothing about, in a house that *seems* empty. With Harry Andrews and Elizabeth Sellars.

3 47 Time for Verse.

4 0 News; file on 4: New technology in the newspaper industry.

4 40 Story Time: A Night to Remember by Walter Love (5).

5 0 PM. News magazine.

6 0 The Six O'Clock News.

6 30 After Henry. Comedy series (2).

7 0 News; The Archers.

7 20 Checkpoint.

7 45 Groundswell. Environment issues.

8 15 In Business. Commerce magazine on Garden Centres.

8 45 Between Earth and Sky. Rural life in Victorian England.

9 30 Where Death Delights. Report from the mortuary on tales teeth can tell.

9 45 Kaleidoscope. Arts magazine.

10 15 A Book at Bedtime: A Moveable Feast by Ernest Hemingway (5).

10 30 The World Tonight.

11 15 The Financial World Tonight.

11 30 Today in Parliament.

12 0 News; weather; shipping.

VHF: 11 0-12 0 Schools. 1 55 pm *Listening Corner.* 2 0-3 0 Schools. 11 0 Study on 4. 11 30-12 10 am Open University.

Wales (340m): 4 0 am As Radio 2. 5 25 Daloni Roberts. 7 33 AM. 10 0 Mike Flynn. 11 30 That's How It Was. 12 30 pm Meet For Lunch. 1 40 Catchphrase 1. 1 45 The Russell Grant Show. 3 30 Get Fit With Gerdenine. 4 0 Four-Five-Six. 5 0 As Radio 4. 7 0 Catchphrase 2. 7 5 As Radio 4. 7 45 Six Plays on Wales. 8 45 As Radio 4. 9 45 Interludo. 9 55-4 0 am As Radio 2.

Cymru (VHF): 5 55 am Weather; Gweler Radio 4. 6 25 Helo Bobol. 9 5 Ar Goi A Chadw. 10 2 Galw Allan. 11 0 Newyddion Du. 11 10 Stondin Ddyddiol. 12 15 pm Talwrn y Beirdd. 1 0 Ar yr Awr. 1 20 Hwyl ar y Maestau. 1 50 O Glawr I Glawr. 2 0 Gweler Radio 4. 5 0 Pobol Prynhawn. 6 0 Gweler Wales. 6 45 Gweler Radio 4. 10 15 Newyddion; Ar Hyd Y Nos. 11 30 Open University. 12 10 am-Close Gweler Radio 4.

Scotland (370m): 6 0 am As Radio 4. 6 10 Farming News. 6 30 Good Morning Scotland. 8 45 Jimmy Mack. 11 3 Macgregor's Gatherings. 12 0 News; Make Minor Music. 12 30 pm Lunchtime Report. 1 0 As Radio 4. 1 40 Options. 2 3 Taking Issue with Colin Bell. 5 3 Art Sutter. 5 8 Good Evening Scotland. 6 0 News; Pipling. 6 35 Wild Watch. 7 2 Farming News. 7 20 The Light Programme. 8 0 Wardell on Wednesday. 10 0 News; Tom Ferrie. 12 0 Close. As Radio 4.

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DEATHS

BROCK. — On April 21, 1985, Hugh Brock, former editor of Peace News, after a short illness.

GRUBER (RACHEL) — On April 20, 1985, peacefully, at home in Flixton, aged 90 years, the very dearly loved sister of Miriam and Hugo, a dear Sister-in-law and Aunt. Service and committal at Altrincham Crematorium on Thursday, April 25 at 11.30 am. Family flowers only please, donations if desired may be sent for Age Concern, c/o the Funeral Director, Hopkins Funeral Service, 35 Station Road, Urmston. Tel (061) 748 9210/6824.

HEYWOOD. — On April 19, suddenly, at his home, 1 Passmore House, Edenfield Road, Rochdale, Samuel Heywood, aged 74 years (Director of S A Heywood and Sons Ltd, Rochdale), the dearly loved husband of Edith, loving Father of Neil, and a dear Grandad. Service at Rochdale Crematorium at 11 am, on Thursday, April 25. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to The Heart Unit, c/o Dixons Funeral Service, 15 Exeter Street, Rochdale. Further enquiries tel Rochdale 45301.

PICKERING. — April 22, peacefully at home, 2 Darsley Road, Leeds 16, aged 38, R. SYDNEY PICKERING. Cremation at Lawnswood, Leeds, on Friday, April 26, 1985, at 9 am. Donations in lieu of flowers if desired, may be made to the British Epilepsy Association, 313 Chapeltown Road, Leeds 7. Friends please accept this intimation.

VANHEGAN. — On April 20, 1985, in Swindon, JEAN SOUTHERN, recently of Kirkcudbright. Wife of the late John Vanhegan and Mother of Robert and John, aged 78 years. Cremation in Swindon at 2 0 pm. on Thursday, April 25.

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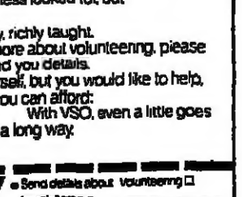

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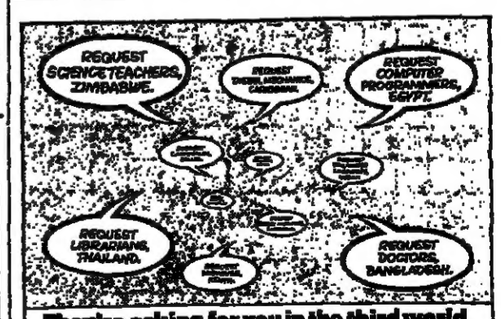

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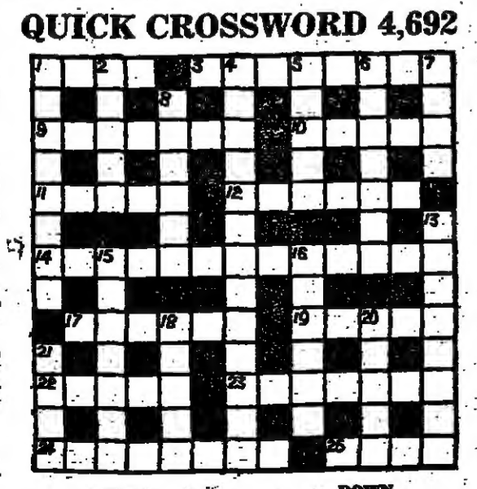

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14 Bush, in USA (4-9).
17 Fungus (6).
19 Inferior (5).
22 Study or find out (5).
23 Warm coastal area (7).
24 Make impossible (8).
25 11 across date (4).

DOWN

1 Manage (8).
2 Watery fluid in blood (5).
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5 Decree (5).
6 Playwright (11 across or Rattigan?) (7).
7 Circle — of bells? (4).
8 Forty winks (3-3).
13 USA military programme (4, 4).
15 Cheat — in motor-racing! (7).
16 Enamoured (2, 4).
18 Celtic forename (commoner with ——d) (5).
20 Hold and use (5).
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Regions to meet on TGWU ballot

By Keith Harper
Labour Editor

Regional secretaries of the Transport and General Workers' Union have been summoned to a meeting in London tomorrow to discuss their executive council's decision on whether a new ballot should be held in the election for a general secretary.

Mr Moss Evans, the outgoing general secretary, has given no details of the purpose of the meeting. However, Mr Evans usually briefs the union's regional leaders after executive council meetings. Several regional secretaries said last night that they were ready for another ballot, but they stressed that the 39 members were still deeply divided.

The TGWU's northern region has submitted a resolution for tomorrow's executive meeting, *insisting that there is* no need for a re-ballot and that the election of Mr Ron Todd as successor to Mr Evans should stand. Mr Todd will argue that there should be a new vote in view of suggestions of ballot-rigging in some areas.

The executive will have to consider carefully what Mr Todd has to say, but most members were last night said to feel that Mr Todd had been elected fairly. Until sufficient evidence is produced to the contrary they believe that Mr Todd's election should stand.

Bank staff get 5.5pc

By John Ardill

The non-TUC Clearing Banks Union last night agreed a 6.5 per cent pay settlement for its 98,000 members in the English clearing banks after a threatened overtime ban by the Barclays staff union, one of its constituent bodies. The previous offer was 5.5 per cent.

The TUC-affiliated Banking and Finance Union, which is seeking a flat-rate settlement, is understood to have failed to reach an agreement with the employers in separate talks yesterday.

The CBU general secretary, Mr John Cousins, said he was delighted with the deal.

Attack hearing

Peter Friemel, aged 35, appeared in court in Essex yesterday, charged with the attempted murder of a seven-year-old girl. He was remanded in custody until May 1 by Chelmsford magistrates, accused of attacking the girl as she played in a sports field, on Sunday.

No Britons to be prosecuted as London and Moscow try to minimise damage

Anger at expulsions cools

By Patrick Keatley and James Naughtie in London and Martin Walker in Moscow

Mrs Thatcher has decided not to prosecute British citizens involved with the Soviet diplomats now being expelled *for spying.*

She made the decision after consulting security chiefs and the Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe.

It is a calculated gamble, intended to avert a setback in Anglo-Soviet relations which had improved with the visit to Britain by Mr Gorbachev in December and Mrs Thatcher's more recent conversation with him in Moscow.

It is hoped that the Soviet leader will now agree that the planned visit to Britain by his veteran Foreign Minister, Mr Andrei Gromyko, can still go ahead. The target date of late

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May or early June may be delayed to allow tempers to cool, but the British side hopes that it will still be feasible before mid July.

Soviet sources were indicating that the leadership hoped that the incident would prove to be no more than a temporary setback to the steady improvement in Anglo-Soviet relations.

This hope was reinforced *when there were no indications* yesterday of further expulsions of British diplomats from Moscow.

Sir Geoffrey faced sharp criticism in the Commons yesterday for his handling of the *affair, and defended it as un*avoidable because of "unacceptable activities" by the five Soviet officials concerned. But the first hint was coming from Moscow that Mr Gorbachev and the Kremlin high command may have received the Thatcher signal and be prepared to go along with it.

The expected condemnatory reports in Tass, Pravda, and the other official media had not appeared, and diplomats in *Western embassies in Moscow* read great significance into this. They said last night that media silence on the five expulsions by Britain and the three retaliation expulsions by the Soviet Union indicated that Moscow was willing to let the matter rest.

This matched Sir Geoffrey's statement yesterday in Bonn, before catching a plane home, that Britain would "sustain our policy of seeking improved *relations with the Soviet* Union," while not relaxing national security.

Soviet officials have indicated that they believe the initial expulsion of the two Russians last week may have been inspired by a hard-line group within the British security services, seeking to spoil what they saw as a dangerous thaw in Mrs Thatcher's relations with the Eastern bloc.

Although this view was dismissed by British sources here in Moscow it was an interpretation which would allow the Soviet side to avoid pinning any blame on Mrs Thatcher and her government, and leave the way open for a continued improvement in trade and general relations.

The British Ambassador in Moscow, Sir Iain Sutherland, yesterday formally told the Soviet Foreign Ministry that the evidence against those Soviets who had been expelled from Britain was "irrefutable."

"The accusations against the members of staff of my em*bassy are without foundation,*" Sir Iain added. "The response of the Soviet Government was without foundation."

The British side had no wish to see the present incident affect the generally improving *climate of Anglo-Soviet rela*tions, he went on.

British diplomats refused to comment on the plans to replace any of the three expelled diplomats, although the terms of their expulsion "for activities incompatible with their diplomatic status" would not preclude their being replaced fairly quickly.

The expulsion of the naval attache, Captain John Marshal, and his assistant, Lt-Commander Martin Littleboy, leaves only one naval attache to keep an eye on a key stage in the development of the Soviet fleet, with a new generation of large aircraft-carriers under construction.

The third diplomat to be expelled, Miss Carol Robson, kept a close eye on developments in Soviet computers in *her role as scientific attache.*

In London, the Foreign Secretary told the Commons that the prosecuting authorities would investigate fully the breaches of diplomatic privilege committed by the diplomats. However, it was clear that no action against a British-based "spy ring" was imminent.

Sir Geoffrey dismissed the accusation from Mr Dennis Healey, the shadow foreign secretary, that he had bungled the diplomatic manoeuvre by failing to expel all five without publicity, and had instead offered an unacceptable deal to the Russians by revealing the names of two and linking the fate of the three others to the Russian reaction.

The former Labour Prime Minister, Mr James Callaghan, joined the criticism and said that if the intention had been to minimise damage to relations with the Soviet Union and to protect British diplomats in Moscow, the affair had been mishandled.

The Foreign Secretary said that it had always been made clear that ministers wanted to improve relations with the Soviet Union, but were being hampered by "the unacceptable activities" of certain Soviet officials in Britain.

He told MPs: "We deeply regret the retaliatory action taken against three members *of the staff of our Moscow* embassy. This was wholly unwarranted."

It was impossible last night to get any confirmation in Whitehall of the suggestion that the Soviet intelligence operation which led to the expulsions was directed at high technology projects, in particular laser-beam research.

Colonel Vadim Cherkasov, the expelled assistant military attaché at the Soviet Embassy, leaves Heathrow for Moscow yesterday with his wife, Natasha, and son, Stanislav. Two of the Britons told to leave Russia are Captain John Marshall (top, right) and Commander Nelson Littleboy

FO calls for spot scans on diplomatic bags

By Patrick Keatley, Diplomatic Correspondent

Spot scans on diplomatic bags are called for in a Foreign Office white paper published today.

In setting out new measures aimed at preventing violations of the code of diplomatic immunity by the 132 foreign embassies in London, the white paper also seeks a firmer application of the conditions of the Vienna Convention of 1961.

The white paper considers the prospects for obtaining international agreement to revi*sions of the Vienna treaty,* which would involve the consent of 145 signatory states, and agrees with the Commons foreign affairs committee that this is highly unlikely. It con-

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cludes that "a firmer policy towards application of the Vienna Convention is the only effective weapon the Government possesses, and should be strongly pursued."

The document is the response by Sir Geoffrey Howe and his staff at the Foreign Office to the report by the committee last January on the abuses of immunity, citing in particular the attempted abduction last year of Nigerian politician, Umaru Dikko, and the killing of WPC Yvonne Fletcher by a gunman inside the Libyan People's Bureau in London.

On the labelling and handling of diplomatic bags the FO notes the recommendation of the Commons committee that scanning equipment should be used where the illegal transport of firearms is suspected, and sets out a procedure for "spot scans" which will be adopted when necessary.

A suspect container, even though correctly labelled and entitled to immunity from inspection under the Vienna Convention, will be set on one side and the receiving embassy notified. This procedure would require specific authorisation by the Foreign Secretary.

MPs on the Commons committee concluded that the guns fired from the window of the Libyan People's Bureau in St James's Square had been improperly smuggled through Customs in a diplomatic bag.

The white paper says: "Scanning could, in theory, deter some abuse, but a determined state could take steps to disguise suspect contents. A *major* disadvantage of scanning is that it would make our own bags vulnerable to challenge."

The FO is bringing in spot scans, together with a system of monitoring the size, weight, and numbers of packages being sent under immunity to embassies here, but not as a matter of routine for all embassies. Instead, spot monitoring is to be adopted when suspicions are aroused.

The white paper devotes four pages to diplomatic bags, but the FO reports action under six other headings: parking offences; faulty classification of staffs; size of staffs; designation of premises; control of demonstrations near embassies; and new guidelines on offences against British civil law.

On the vexed issue of parking offences the FO makes it clear that persistent offenders will be asked to leave Britian, and that all ambassadors and high commissioners here are being so notified by letter.

The number of parking tickets in London cancelled because of diplomatic immunity amounted to 102,000 in 1983, and *is running at about* 109,000 in the current year. Embassies have been notified that a master file of diplomatic offenders will come into force on May 1.

The document reveals that a letter has gone to all ambassadors on the application of "more stringent standards" which will involve the compulsory withdrawal of members of staff responsible for serious offences.

The white paper shows that there has been a review of the size of staffs at the 132 embassies here, and that letters of notification have gone to them all about the need for accurate classification of members of staff and their *exact duties.*

Another letter covers the correct designation of premises, and several tourist offices in London will have their diplomatic status withdrawn to put them into line with the majority which never received such status.

White paper, Stationery Office, 9497 price £3.50.

Left jostles Owen toward new party line-up

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it was only convention that it was used by ministers or official opposition spokesmen and he had no power to impose that rule.

Dr Owen tried several more times to speak from the despatch box and each time Mr McNamara and Miss Clare Short blocked his way with their feet stretched across the table.

Dr Owen then risked further Labour abuse by sitting next to Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader.

Mr Walker appealed again to Labour MPs and Sir Anthony Kershaw, the Conservative MP for Stroud, denounced the loutish and vulgar desire by the Labour Party to prevent free speech.

Mr Steel told MPs: "What we are seeing is not the militant tendency but the yobbish *tendency.*"

Dr Owen made one last attempt to occupy the despatch box and as uproar broke out Mr Walker suspended the House.

When the sitting resumed, the SDP places were left vacant and Dr Owen delivered his speech despite a vain attempt by the hard-left MP, Mr Dennis Canavan, to raise further points of order.

Gorbachev blames 'hypocritical' US for deadlock at Geneva arms talks

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that the two superpowers have a fundamentally different approach to the agenda.

In January, the US Secretary of State, Mr George Shultz, and the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Andrei Gromyko, agreed that the negotiations should be directed towards the reduction and eventual elimination of nuclear arsenals, as well as to the prevention of an arms race in space.

The US Administration, firmly committed to the Strategic Defence Initiative (Star Wars), made it clear that it also intended to use the Geneva forum to explore a new nuclear doctrine, based largely on defensive space weaponry.

The Soviet Union, aware of the deep differences within the Nato about space weapons, has *rejected this approach and Mr* Gorbachev is now insisting that the US is on a dead-end road towards arms reductions if it insists on choosing the space weapons route.

In his recent Pravda interview, Mr Gorbachev broke the confidentiality of the Geneva talks when he confirmed that the Soviet Union had tabled proposals for a halt to all work, including research, on space weapons; for a freeze on strategic nuclear weapons; and for a moratorium on Nato as well as Soviet deployments of medium-range missiles.

The US has been dismissive of these Soviet proposals. However, the US and the Soviet Union have already arranged a high-level meeting on May 15 in Vienna between their two foreign ministers.

*Mr Gorbachev has also cre*ated an opportunity to discuss US-Soviet relations at summit level when he visits the United Nations in the autumn. But in his speech yesterday he also suggested a high-level meeting in Helsinki to mark the tenth anniversary of the Helsinki Declaration signed there at the high point of detente in July, 1975.

The West has proposed a meeting of the foreign ministers of the 35 Helsinki signatories but Mr Gorbachev may have a summit in mind. "It apepars desirable," he said, "that the will to overcome dangerous tension, developing peaceful co-operation and constructive co-operation in international affairs should be expressed in Helsinki again on behalf of the state that signed the Final Act."

'Nominal Nazi'

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was eventually dismissed in 1944.

"He made no secret of his disappointment over political developments . . . His emphatically devout (Catholic) outlook incurred the displeasure of the party." He refused in appointing rangers to be swayed by political considerations. "So that Jews were permitted to participate in *hunting activities," the tribu*nal, found.

It held that the baron made no secret of his desire to stand apart from the Nazi party and said as early as 1940 "that one could only hope that Germany would lose the war, since that was the only way the Nazi's predominance would be broken."

Safe found in river

Forensic experts were yesterday examining a 20-year-old safe and its contents — gold rings, necklaces, and coins — discovered in a wheelbarrow by divers on a river-cleaning mission.

It was found by seven members of the Ilkeston and Kimberley sub-aqua Club in the River Trent at Lady Bay, Nottingham.

Fresh appeal for coastline

At least £1 million a year is needed to protect Britain's coastline, the National Trust said yesterday. Mr Robin Harland, relaunching Enterprise Neptune, said: "The coast can be saved, it is not a pipe dream.

"We have been getting in about £400,000 a year, and yet it might still take another 20 years to achieve our aim of securing 900 miles of coastline.

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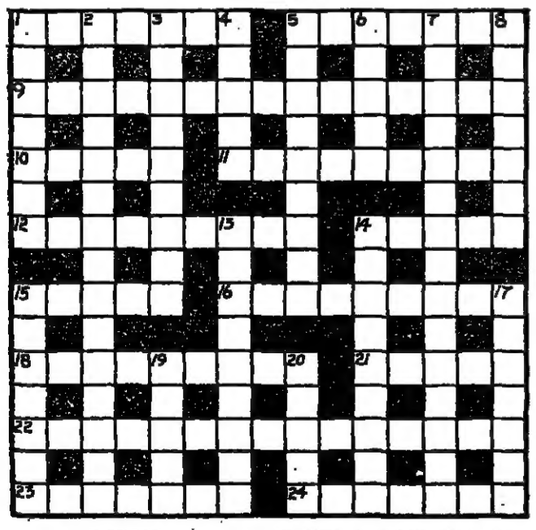

ACROSS

1 Attach ruler to type of shears with detonation (7).
5 Model such as you, putting foot down? (7).
9 Catchment area for joke about Wagner's work, a sort of song (9, 6).
10 Carbon in foam for dandruff (5).
11 Dispute about lot of Keble student before becoming a rare butterfly (5, 4).
12 Polisher, changeable in *electrical treatment (9).*
14 Royal family turned doctor out (5).
15 Mad — needs training? (5).
16 Brown cow's head, almost getting away with what's on fool's (6, 3).
18 Get too tired, perhaps, where apron goes? (9).
21 Nigh is what's lent by a listener (5).
22 Quite all right for jubilee — Bo cannot make it (15).
23 Noise in children's game's hardly up-to-date news (7).
24 It keeps off heat, as in *infinite promise (7).*

DOWN

1 Have a meal without a herb, up in the Flying Horse (7).
2 Where babes are still awkwardly situated (3, 3, 2, 3, 4).
3 By fan life is changed beyond description (9).
4 Metal screen that may be mixed (5).
5 Trophy from India made little general risk it (5, 4).
6 Nest in the open, by the sound of it (5).
7 Transport twice a month on the roadside (American) (6-6, 3).
8 Beast, a danger to river, on river (3, 4).
13 Houses in the Vatican, for example (9).
14 Old surgeon in theatre put in sixpence (9).
15 Result of multiplying expert channel (7).
17 Composer makes happy sound on stringed instru*ment, both curtailed (7).*
19 First in record-player on French town (5).
20 Spare member for winter sports? (5).

Solution tomorrow

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THE WEATHER

Sunny intervals

A RIDGE of high pressure will persist to the west of Britain with a depression becoming slow-moving over Scandinavia.

London, SE, Cent S, SW England, E Anglia, W Midlands, S Wales: Mainly dry with sunny periods. Wind NW light. Max temp 12 to 14C (54 to 57F).

E, NW, Cent N and NE England, N Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man: Sunny at first, becoming cloudy with some rain in places later. Wind W moderate. Max temp 10 to 12C (50 to 54F).

Channel Islands: Dry with sunny periods. Wind NE moderate, becoming W light. Max 9 to 11C (48 to 52F).

Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland: Bright at first, becoming cloudy with some rain. Brighter again later. Wind W veering N moderate. Max 10 to 12C (50 to 54F). Becoming colder.

Aberdeen, Cent Highlands, Moray Firth, NE and NW Scotland: Cloudy, outbreaks of rain, becoming a little brighter, with wintry showers. Wind NW moderate increasing to fresh or strong. Max 6 to 8C (43 to 46F).

Orkney, Shetland: Sunny intervals and frequent wintry showers. Wind NW strong. Max 4 to 6C (39 to 43F).

Outlook: Rain at first in the south, otherwise wintry showers and sunny intervals, cold with widespread night frost.

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

Belfast	9.14 pm	to 5.30 am
Birmingham	8.50 pm	to 5.19 am
Bristol	8.51 pm	to 5.24 am
Glasgow	9.11 pm	to 5.19 am
London	8.41 pm	to 5.15 am
Manchester	8.55 pm	to 5.18 am
Newcastle	8.57 pm	to 5.11 am
Nottingham	8.49 pm	to 5.17 am

HIGH-TIDE TABLE

London Bridge	4.56 am	5.14 pm
Dover	1.42 am	2.06 pm
Liverpool	2.06 am	2.26 pm

SUN RISES	5.47 am
SUN SETS	8.11 pm
MOON SETS	0.07 am
MOON RISES	7.33 am

MOON: First quarter April 28.

AROUND THE WORLD

Lunch-time Reports

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	S	18	64	London	F	9	48
Algiers	S	21	70	*L. Angeles	F	17	63
Amsterdam	C	8	46	Luxembourg	S	10	5
Athens	F	19	66	Madrid	C	12	54
Bahrain	S	32	90	Majorca	F	19	66
Barcelona	F	16	61	Malaga	F	17	63
Belgrade	S	21	70	Malta	F	20	6
Beirut	S	20	68	Manchester	F	8	46
*Bermuda	S	22	72	Melbourne	S	19	66
Berlin	C	8	46	Mexico City	S	24	75
Biarritz	R	9	48	*Miami	C	27	81
Birmingham	C	7	45	*Montreal	S	16	61
Boulogne	F	31	88	Moscow	C	17	63
Bordeaux	C	16	61	Munich	F	14	57
*Boston	C	8	46	Nairobi	F	23	73
Boulogne	C	6	43	*Nassau	F	26	79
Bristol	C	7	45	Newcastle	C	7	45
Brussels	C	9	48	New Delhi	S	37	99
Budapest	S	21	70	New York	S	26	79
*B. Aires	C	20	68	Nice	S	18	64
Cardiff	C	6	43	Oporto	C	13	55
Cairo	S	24	75	Oslo	S	7	45
Cape Town	F	19	66	Paris	C	11	52
Casablanca	C	17	63	Peking	S	21	70
*Chicago	C	26	79	Perth	S	27	81
Cologne	C	8	46	Prague	F	13	55
Copenhagen	Sn	2	36	Reykjavik	Fg	6	43
Corfu	F	17	63	Riyadh	F	30	86
Dublin	C	8	46	Rhodes	S	20	68
Dubrovnik	F	17	63	*Rio de J	S	25	7
Edinburgh	F	8	46	Rome	C	16	61
Faro	C	14	57	Salzburg	F	17	6
Frankfurt	F	13	57	Seoul	C	10	50
Funchal	C	16	61	Stockholm	F	4	39
Geneva	S	17	63	Strasbourg	C	14	57
Gibraltar	F	17	63	*Sydney	C	17	63
Glasgow	F	9	48	Tangier	C	16	61
Helsinki	F	4	39	Tenerife	F	22	72
Hong Kong	S	26	79	Tokyo	S	21	70
Innsbruck	C	14	5	Tunis	F	18	F
Invernss	F	7	4	Valencia	S	20	68
Istanbul	S	15	59	*Vancouver	C	7	45
Karachi	S	33	91	Venice	S	16	61
Larnaca	F	20	68	Vienna	S	19	66
Las Palmas	F	20	68	Wellington	S	17	63
Lisbon	R	9	48	Warsaw	C	7	4
Locarno	S	18	64	Zurich	C	14	57

C cloudy; F fair; Fg fog; R rain; S sunny; Sn snow.
* Previous day's readings.

MANCHESTER READINGS

From 6 pm Monday to 6 am yesterday: Min temp 5C (41F). From 6 am to 6 pm yesterday: Max temp 10C (50F). Total period: sunshine, 7.6 hrs, rainfall, nil.

SEA PASSAGES

S North Sea: Moderate. Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Rough. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Slight.

AROUND BRITAIN

Reports for the 24 hours ended 6 pm yesterday:

	Sunshine hrs	Rain in.	Max temp C	Max temp F	Weather (day)
ENGLAND					
London	6.2	—	12	54	Sunny pm
Birmingham	3.5	—	10	50	Sunny pm
Bristol	5.8	—	11	52	Sunny pm
Norwich	7.0	—	9	48	Sunny pm
Blackpool	8.7	—	11	52	Sunny
Manchester	6.5	—	10	50	Sunny pm
Nottingham	6.1	—	10	50	Sunny pm
Carlisle	6.5	—	10	50	Bright
EAST COAST					
Scarborough	6.7	.04	9	48	Sunny
Bridlington	8.2	.05	10	50	Sunny pm
Cromer	5.0	—	8	46	Bright
Lowestoft	5.5	—	9	48	Sunny am
Clacton	6.1	—	10	50	Sunny pm
Margate	—	—	8	46	Bright
SOUTH COAST					
Folkestone	4.3	.01	9	48	Sunny pm
Hastings	2.9	—	10	50	Sunny pm
Eastbourne	2.4	—	10	50	Cloudy
Brighton	4.0	—	10	50	Bright
Worthing	4.6	—	11	52	Sunny pm
Littlehampton	5.1	—	12	54	Sunny pm
Bognor Regis	6.3	—	12	54	Sunny pm
Hayling I	5.6	—	12	54	Sunny pm
Southsea	4.7	—	12	54	Sunny pm
Ryde	4.4	—	12	54	Sunny pm
Sandown	4.5	—	12	54	Sunny pm
Shanklin	4.1	—	11	52	Bright
Ventnor	4.1	—	10	50	Bright
Bournemouth	5.0	—	12	54	Sunny pm
Poole	5.3	—	12	54	Bright am
Swanage	4.7	—	10	50	Sunny pm
Weymouth	6.0	—	11	52	Sunny pm
Exmouth	3.3	—	11	52	Sunny pm
Teignmouth	3.4	—	11	52	Sunny pm
Torquay	2.3	—	11	52	Bright pm
Falmouth	5.0	—	12	54	Sunny
Penzance	6.4	—	13	55	Sunny
Isles of Scilly	4.7	—	9	48	Sunny am
Jersey	3.3	—	12	54	Cloudy
Guernsey	2.8	—	11	52	Gale
WEST COAST					
Newquay	8.1	—	13	55	Bright
Ilfracombe	6.6	—	10	50	Sunny
Southport	4.7	—	11	52	Sunny pm
Morecambe	8.3	—	10	50	Sunny
Douglas	11.5	—	10	50	Sunny
WALES					
Colwyn Bay	7.8	—	10	50	Sunny pm
Tenby	5.8	—	11	52	Sunny
Cardiff	4.8	—	10	50	Sunny am
Anglesey	10.5	—	10	50	Sunny
SCOTLAND					
Eskdalemuir	7.5	—	8	46	Sunny
Prestwick	9.3	—	11	52	Sunny
Glasgow	10.4	—	11	52	Sunny
Tiree	12.9	—	9	48	Sunny
Stornoway	8.9	—	8	46	Sunny pm
Leuchars	9.9	—	8	46	Sunny am
Wick	8.3	.01	7	45	Sunny
Kinloss	6.3	—	9	48	Sunny pm
Aberdeen	9.8	.02	9	48	Sunny
St Andrews	8.1	—	8	46	Sunny pm
Edinburgh	7.0	.01	9	48	Sunny
NORTHERN IRELAND					
Belfast	10.0	—	10	50	Sunny pm

SCOTTISH SKI REPORTS

Cairngorm: Upper runs complete, spring snow; middle runs complete but narrow, spring snow; lower slopes, no snow; vertical runs, 1400ft; roads clear; snow level 2,400ft.

Glenshee, Glencoe and Lecht: Finished for season.

Outlook: Occasional snow showers.

LONDON READINGS

From 6 pm Monday to 6 am yesterday: Min temp 5C (41F). From 6 am to 6 pm yesterday: Max temp 12C (54F). Total period: sunshine, 6.5 hrs, rainfall, nil.

SATELLITE PREDICTIONS

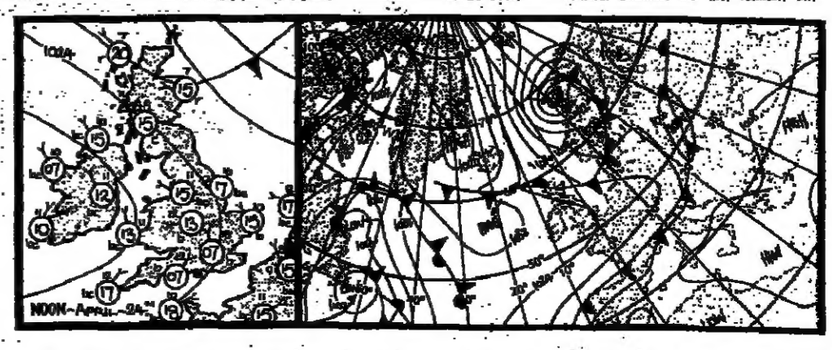
The figures give in order, time and visibility, when rising, maximum elevation and direction of setting. An asterisk denotes entering or leaving eclipse.

London

Cosmos 58: 22.12–22.16 NNW 35NE E*; 23.49–23.51 WNW 30W W.*
Cosmos 1423: 21.21–21.25 NNW 25NNE E; 22.56–22.57 WNW 25W W.*
Dynamic Explorer: 20.55–21.04 S 75NNW N; 22.33–22.37 W 15WNW NW.
Meteor 28: 21.34–21.38 NE 25E ESE*; 23.09–23.14 N 40W WSW.*

Manchester

Cosmos 58: 22.11–22.16 NNW 40NNE E*; 23.48–23.51 WNW 35WSW WSW.*
Cosmos 1423: 21.21–21.25 NNW 30NE E; 22.55–22.57 WNW 30WSW WSW.*
Dynamic Explorer: 22.33–22.36 WSW 15W NW.
Meteor 28: 21.34–21.38 NE 20E ESE*; 23.08–23.14 N 60WNW SW*; (April 25) 0.46–0.47 NW 10NW WNW.



Warm front. Cold front. Occluded front. Isobars are drawn for every four millibars. Arrows on the smaller map show wind direction, figures in circles show wind speed. Figures outside circles show temperature. Letters show expected weather as follows: b, blue sky; bc, half-clouded; c, cloudy; o, overcast; f, fog; d, drizzle; h, hail; m, mist; r, rain; s, snow; th, thunderstorm; p, showers. Arrows on the larger map show direction of movement of pressure areas.

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